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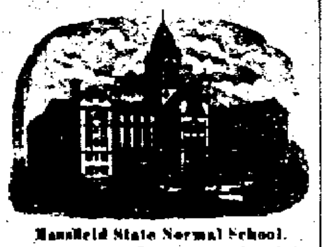

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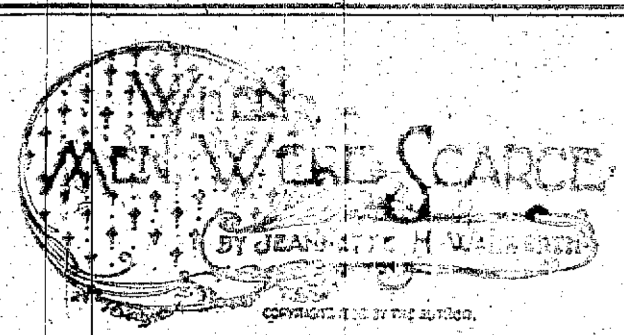

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CHAPTER XIV.

In those days of shattered conventions a certain amount of neighborliness had necessarily resulted from the close proximity of the two cottages. Marianne and Milly, the cripple, had made friends over the dividing fence; Miss Menckton had graciously permitted Lemuel to mend her sewing machine; Maxwell had plunged into a boyish intimacy at once, and confidently assured his sister that "Street was the tiptopest all round fellow he had ever met."

Sometimes violets found their way from the Belknap beds to the vases on the Street parlor mantelshelf, only to disappear in the most mysterious manner. Sometimes trailing sprays of the yellow jasmine, wet with morning dew, were laid, a votive offering, among the flowerpots on the green stand that Marianne tended herself. That was all.

It is astonishing upon what scraps love can feed and still attain a lusty growth.

That was all. Nevertheless, as Lemuel strung along the lonely road leading to the cottages on the outskirts of town, he was actively engaged, mentally trying to devise some practicable plan for fetching Reginald Belknap home. It would not be easy. He had no command of the river, on the other side of which he must put himself before he could start on his pilgrimage. But the thing must be done.

A few nights later under the stars, a lonely figure, he stood upon the brink of the water. He could hear the swish of the yellow waves better than he could see them. He rejoiced to note the low stage of the water. The river was narrow at that point, and unless he had grown faint of heart or flaccid of muscle the crossing of it would be a mere bagatelle.

Secured about his neck was a small waterproof bag. It contained a loving, tear stained note from Marianne to her brother and a silken muffler she had begged Lemuel to take for his own wear. He had once seen it wound about her pretty head. That made it sacred forever in his eyes.

He would have preferred crossing in a skiff, but a diligent daylight search had failed to find one anywhere near the narrow point which was used for blockade running by the few bold spirits ready to risk capture. There was nothing for it but his own strong arms. He made ready for the plunge. He was not without a sense of peril in his undertaking, but it was for her sake. He bowed his head reverently and wafted a short prayer toward the starlit heavens:

"God have them all in his keeping."

His feet were in the water, when a rough voice whose owner was hidden from him by a clump of cottonwood trees on the bank uttered one ominous word in an authoritative manner:

"Halt!"

He stepped backward from the water's edge with an angry growl and faced toward the voice, which belonged to some one hidden from him by the darkness of night and a thicket of water willows.

"If there is only one of you," he said through clinched teeth, "we will take issue on that point."

"There are three of me," came back in a laughing boyish voice, "and if Leander the second is wise he will surrender unconditionally."

There followed the sound of some one pushing his way through yielding branches, and the gleam of a lantern preceded the rapidly advancing footsteps. Lemuel made a step to meet the bearer of it.

"A staunch little skiff I've got hidden behind that clump of button willows."

"Maxwell!"

"Maxwell up to date," said the boy, swinging his lantern high overhead with a triumphant chuckle, "and Maxwell in time."

"But what are you doing here?"

"Watching you."

"I am going across the river," said Lemuel severely, "and your nonsense may cost me my chance."

"I am going across the river myself, and my nonsense will cost you nothing, unless I see fit to charge you ferriage."

"Ferriage in what, I should like to know."

"In a staunch little skiff I've got hidden behind that clump of button willows. I'll call my fellows as soon as I see you clothed and in your right mind."

"But I have been trying for days to get a skiff."

"I know you have. 'Pon honor, Street, I am under a load of obligation to you. I've been holding myself more humbly than a yellow cur ever since Reggie wouldn't even take me along to black his boots, and then, when I came to know you and saw how it hurt you to be left out and saw also that there were more ways of being a hero than fighting Yankees, I held myself cheaper than two yellow dogs, but I'm ahead of you at last. Hurry on that coat while I whistle up my boys."

Lemuel had been rapidly getting back into his discarded clothes, which had been tied up in a waterproof cloak of Angy's. He was not ambitious of swimming across the river if Maxwell was prepared to transport him dry shod.

In answer to a call sent through his interlocked fingers Maxwell's command dipped their oars softly in the water, and presently from its ambush under the willows a sharp prowed skiff shot into sight. The rowlocks were muffled, and her progress was almost noiseless. Another call through the [illegible] fingers—a [illegible] of the [illegible] the men in the boat.

"That [illegible] they [illegible] where to land."

"But you haven't told me yet where you got your boat," said Lemuel, feeling stealthily in his bosom to touch Marianne's muffler.

"There is where my restored self respect comes in," said Maxwell, cautiously turning the light of his lantern on the advancing skiff. "While you were mooning up and down the bank looking for a skiff that might possibly have escaped the brigade I was building one."

"Building one? Where?"

"Now you are getting at the cream of my joke. I built her in your detested molding shops out of lumber that belongs to you, and I modeled her on the specifications you drew once upon a time when I was loafing around your desk."

"I think you might have told me—might have let me share in the labor."

Maxwell turned and laid his arm affectionately around his friend's shoulder.

"See here, Street, don't, please don't, rob me of the poor satisfaction I've extracted out of this job. I made up my mind to go after Reggie the minute I heard Moses' story. I knew if I told Marianne or Monksey of my intention there would be the very mischief to pay. I had to steal my chance, and having stolen it successfully you might rejoice with me instead of trampling on me with that superior manner of yours."

"Yes, but, my dear fellow, I am thinking of your sister."

"So am I." Here the keel of the skiff ground upon the bank immediately in front of them, and the two men sprang aboard. "Pull, boys, as if Old Nick was after you. All the boats were down about Decker's landing at dark, and we ought to make the crossing in safety."

The lantern slide hid every ray of light that could betray their whereabouts; the stars overhead gave but a pale, limited radiance that made the water at ten feet from them seem a dark void; the oars in their muffled locks dipped rapidly, and feathered silently by the skillful oarsmen sent the little boat speeding on her perilous way with scarcely a sound. The four men held their peace for full ten minutes, listening with strained nerves for any sound from the fleet of boats which kept such close watch and ward of the river that slipping across it was a matter of skill and peril. Reassured by the profound stillness, Maxwell leaned back on the steering oar and resumed the story of his boatbuilding.

"So am I thinking about Marianne, but she will be all right when Uncle Toby gives her the note I left. If your sisters can get along without you, mine ought to be glad to get along without such a cumberer of the earth as I am. But, Street, old fellow, I never meant to leave you out of my plan of salvation. I've kept a close watch on you and timed my going by yours. Thirteen boys helped me to build this boat. Every one of them wanted to do something for the captain. Reggie was tremendously popular even before this. I swore each one of them to secrecy before I'd let him touch a hammer. Oh, I tell you she's a daisy!"

"I can't see her very well, but she sits upon the water like a bird, and she has speed."

"Don't this beat swimming across the river?"

"All to pieces," Lemuel admitted, with a laugh.

"And you really were going to take to the water?"

"Of course I was, if nothing better had offered."

They were sitting side by side on the stern seat of the boat. Maxwell laid his lips close to Lemuel's ear.

"And all for the love of fighting?"

"All for the love of"—

He caught his breath with a gasp. The oarsmen lifted their oars and held them in a paralysis of inactivity. Maxwell ducked his head. The boat swung slowly about.

From a distance of half a mile a dull report had come to their ears, and they could hear the heavy shell hissing in the waters, which it sent in agitated circles ever widening until the little skiff rocked on the swell of them.

"Great Scott, do you suppose they can see us?" Maxwell asked, groping about the bottom of the boat for his hat.

"No. They just sent that shell out on general principles," said Lemuel, seizing the steering oar and commanding the men to row on.

"Hang their general principles! Dispensed in that fashion they are about as uncomfortable as spilled needles. I say, Street, this war is all blamed foolishness anyway."

"I haven't seen enough of it to judge yet," said Lemuel quietly, and Maxwell frankly acknowledged he had him there.

Several more shells were dispensed with a view to discourage any probable blockade runners, but the two in the boat built by Maxwell escaped unscathed. The first cold gray lances of light which heralded another day were piercing the eastern sky when Lemuel and Maxwell set foot on the opposite shore.

The skiff was beached and hidden. Three oarsmen were given their choice of returning or casting in their lot with the two who were to make their own way as best they could without money and without scrip through an unknown region. They sat contentedly munching the bread they had brought with them before starting for the nearest railroad station. Maxwell was rapidly developing philosophical views of life.

"I say, Street, an hour after a fellow has been in danger of having his head blown off he can breakfast off dry bread and bottled buttermilk with remarkable equanimity. If Mammy Jane had set me down to such a menu as this yesterday morning, I should have howled."

"If you are one of the sort that howls whenever his breakfast doesn't suit him, I congratulate them all on getting rid of you."

"Thanks. I won't run any risk of being spoiled by you, I see."

"None whatever. We are starting out on a give and take expedition, my boy, and you need not look for any favors until you get back to Mammy Jane."

"Oh, that's all right. I bet I can rough it with you straight through. I say, speaking of howling makes me think of Miss Bascom."

"I [illegible] the first [illegible]

[illegible] give me sign. I'm not prepared to say.

[illegible] well and make a few other changes in your quotation, and it will pass muster. But what about Miss Bascom?"

"Well, the women made me take out to her all the letters the company sent home by Moses. They thought, you see, that she might extract some sort of comfort out of them, as they teemed with praises of her father."

"And of Captain Belknap?"

"Yes, Reggie came in for a nice share, but nobody was thinking of that when they wanted Miss Bascom to read what his men had written about the colonel. Before I consented to go out there I thought I'd rather face a gunboat shell or any other explosive."

"You know better now," said Lemuel, inspecting the buttermilk bottle gravely.

"Oh, look here, Street, I didn't know you were one of the sort to rub a thing in."

"Neither am I on general principles. That was shabby. Tell me about Miss Bascom."

"Well, there isn't much to tell. It was I who felt like howling. I told her why the ladies wanted her to see the letters, and she said 'Thank you.' I told her [illegible] word she wanted to come to see her, and she said 'Thank you' again. That is about the sum and substance of our talk. I didn't see any particular object in staying longer, and so I came away, leaving her sitting in a chair on the front gallery as white and motionless as a ghost. She held the bundle of letters in her hand, but she hadn't taken a single one out of its envelope when I left."

"I fancy she is not the sort of woman who would like a stranger to pry into her feelings. Come, we must be getting along if we are to reach the railroad by noon."

Without ever having seen her Lemuel had struck the keynote of Jessica's character. She shrank with unreasoning repulsion from any eye that might pry into her heart. The story of her father's disappearance from the field of Chickamauga had been duly communicated to her by the Rev. Mr. Brownell. Her reception of it had sent him away baffled and angry because he was baffled. To Mrs. Brownell he confidentially imparted his conviction that "the girl had no more feeling than a stone."

When Maxwell Belknap had gone away, leaving her sitting so still, with her hands clasped about the package of letters, she was mentally running over the strange story of her life since she had been brought to her father's house from the narrower sphere of Mrs. Shorter's influence.

He and she had lived together just long enough for her heart to send out new tendrils to twine them together. Each day of her intercourse with him had resulted in an access of respect and affection. She had not known until this story of his death had come how tenderly she had come to feel toward him. She knew now that every act of her regency as head of his estate had been dictated by what she thought he would have her do.

And then in this matter of her Aunt Ellen! She had taken such deep delight in thinking of how he would rejoice to return and find the sister he had mourned as one tragically dead sitting at his own fireside, a gentle, quiet woman, whose restoration to the home of her girlhood and to the peaceful routine of a care free life had brought her back to the mental level of the time when nothing worse was said or thought than that "she was not as bright as the rest of the Bascoms."

And now he was never to come back to her. She must go on forever just doing things because it was her duty to do them, caring for her Aunt Ellen because she was here to be cared for, sitting at the head of the table, with that placid, beautiful face on one side of her and Miss Turner's round, well fed little face beaming at her from the colonel's place at table. She could have screamed aloud for the pain of it all. Instead she left the chair that Maxwell had found her in and, taking the letters with her, went out on the terrace, where the afternoon sun lingered longer, to seat herself on the steps away from any likelihood of interruption.

There she untied the stout twine string Mrs. Matthews had wrapped many times around the parcel, on which some one had written in large letters, "Please return."

All told there were 10 letters, written by as many enthusiasts to their loving friends at home. Jessica read every one of them. Some of them she read more than once, not for the elegant diction of them or for their vivid descriptions of the great battle, but because some word of praise, some expression of tenderness, in them for her father touched her more nearly than others.

They all had the same theme—admiration for their commanding officers. They all dilated upon one phase—the filial devotion of Captain Belknap to Colonel Bascom. It was Neddie Matthews who told the most prolix story.

He told how, when the battle was at its hottest, Colonel Bascom had been seen to put spurs to his horse and gallop toward the spot where their colors had just gone down in a cloud of smoke; how Belknap galloped after him to turn him back; how the two men were inseparable in camp or on the field; how that intrepid dash of the colonel's had swept him from the sight of his men forever; how the next that was seen of Belknap he was being borne to the rear badly wounded; how when questioned about the colonel he had wept like a child while telling about seeing him reel from the horse that had been shot under him.

It was the same story in all of the letters—the story of two brave men out of thousands of brave men; two men who loved each other and would gladly have spent themselves each for his friend.

It was of Reginald Belknap she was thinking.

"They loved each other," said Jessica, bending her head to catch the waning light for a third reading of Neddie's letter.

"What more could a man do than [illegible] he would have given his life [illegible] and [illegible] almost superior [illegible] him the meed of a [illegible] because he did not [illegible] any standard."

It was of Reginald Belknap she was thinking and of his deathless devotion to her father after she had folded up the letters, and, with hands clasped about her knees, she sat still on the terrace steps, with the setting sun shedding its radiance about her.

CHAPTER XV.

One day old Timothy Drew, with much expenditure of breath and not a few imprecations upon the folly of people perching their houses on terraces high enough for eagles' nests, found his way into Miss Melanie Potts' presence, carrying a small parcel.

In those stagnant days a parcel of any sort was an event and an object of legitimate curiosity. Old Timothy Drew delivered this one with an air which said plainly that he expected to be enlightened as to its contents.

Miss Melanie turned it over and over, looking at the address from every possible point of view, touching the tightly drawn strings that bound it with reverent fingers. Presently in an awestruck voice she said:

"I do believe it is from my brother Lester. The handwriting looks like his at its worst, and he always was so precise about knots."

Timothy answered suggestively:

"Shouldn't be surprised if it were from little Potts, though the Lord only knows how it got here. I reckon there ain't but one way of making sure, and that's by untying them knots. I'd like mightily to hear how the little man is getting on. Want any help?"

Miss Melanie drew her parcel farther back from his proffered aid with cold dignity.

"I will wait until the Misses Potts get home, thank you, Timothy. They are in attendance on a meeting of the L. S. A. S. I am much obliged to you for bringing it, Tim."

"Not for worlds," Miss Melanie told the girls later, "could I have untied a single one of those knots with an alien eye resting on them."

By devious ways, passed from hand to hand, the precious package had reached its destination, and the girls must share with her every atom of pleasure or of pain it might contain.

It contained very little in a material way—three black finger rings, with gold hearts and arrows imbedded in them by way of setting; a carnelian heart, with "M. P." rudely carved on its face; three tiny golden disks with three dates engraved on them, respectively standing for the birthday anniversaries of the three women who examined each article of the package with streaming eyes.

But it was over little Potts' letter that they wept most copiously, Miss Melanie insisting that he must be very miserable indeed because he wrote so cheerfully, which was rather astute of the little woman.

"It is impossible for me to say," little Potts wrote, "how this package is to reach its destination, if it ever does. I comfort myself by thinking that if it is lost the world will still wag on.

"I wish I knew how it was wagging with my three dear ones just now. Several prisoners are to be exchanged tomorrow, and among them is a young fellow from Mississippi, the northern part, who expects to be sent to his home as unfit for further service. He will leave us pretty well laden with letters and just such foolish little parcels as this. I am glad he is going to be released. He is not strong, and this climate is trying to him."

Here little Potts had stopped in the writing of his letter to tie a piece of old carpet about his neck to protect it from the cold blasts that were shaking his enfeebled little frame as with a chill.

"When I tell you what the rings and other things are made of, I am sure you will be proud of me, although I may come in for a scolding too. You see, my dears, there is not much dandyism among this colony of southern gentlemen rusticating at Johnson's island, and such requirements of an effete civilization as gold studs and sleeve buttons are ignored among us."

A wan smile flitted across the little man's thin face as he wrote that sentence. It would never do to tell Melanie and the girls that he had no shirt to wear the studs with, for of course they could never be brought to consider him a gentleman again.

"Therefore I have converted mine into little souvenirs for you three. I hope you will observe the niceness of the workmanship. I think it rather creditable to an amateur goldsmith; but then, you know, I always was a conceited fellow, ready to place the highest possible estimate on my own performances.

"The black rings are cut from the horn buttons of my overcoat. Now there you go, Ollie! I can hear you even at this great distance declaring that your papa must have become a regular slouch, going about with his overcoat unbuttoned, but you must bear in mind that my life at present is somewhat more sedentary than it used to be at home, and an overcoat is something I have rare occasion for."

"Happily," he said to himself, "seeing that mine went to make leggings for that poor devil of a consumptive months ago"—

"The gold disks I made out of my three studs, hammering them flat and engraving the dates of three birthdays that have been kept this year without any gift from me for the first time on record, but I thought of each one of you, my darlings, very tenderly on your birth dates, and I asked the dear Lord to let this be the last ones we should ever spend apart. What glorious little feasts Aunt Mellie used to get up for us on our birthdays! I don't feed quite so high now, but perhaps that is so much the better for my liver."

There lay on the table upon which little Potts was writing the fragments of his prison breakfast. It was not such as was calculated to appeal to a pampered palate—a crust of stale bread, the bones of a herring, nothing more.

"The carnelian heart I carved out of my watch seal. As there is but one I send it to that one of you who has said, 'Poor papa!' or 'Poor brother!' seldomest. The little hearts and arrows imbedded as settings to the rings were made from my gold sleeve buttons. Now I believe I have accounted for all of my valuables. You can't imagine what a resource we find this sort of work. Our amusements are rather limited, and all the men are making trinkets of some sort to send home when they can.

"I know you are anxious to hear when I am coming home. There is a good deal of red tape about this institution, but I don't think I can possibly be detained much longer. The fact of my being a Union man from the outset must tell in my favor as soon as I can get at the right cars. I know this is bearing very heavily on you, my dears, but we must be patient."

"Yes, patient, O Lord, if only I can keep life in this failing body to carry me back to them." Little Potts laid his head down on the table and wept. There was no disparagement to his manhood in those tears. He had but just dragged through a fierce attack of prison fever, and the spirit within him was aweary.

"I heard a grievous piece of news yesterday." He resumed his pen resolutely. "A new batch of prisoners was brought in. They were men who were engaged in the battle of Chickamauga. One of them tells me that my dear friend Bascom was slain in that fight.

"I cannot tell you how this dreadful news has depressed me. I loved Bascom. He was so good a man. I never knew a better. He was apt to be a little rash at times. I am afraid he was when he came to his death. But, after all, it was a splendid way to die. Of such stuff are heroes made, and I bare my head in reverence to him.

"I am not over well supplied with stationery and find myself reduced to crossing this. Julia will recall how I used to scold her for crossing her letters from school. Ah, well, I've been sent to school myself since then, my loves, and some of my tasks have been rather hard to learn. Goodby and God bless you." He threw down the pen and sat staring at the closely written sheets with despairing eyes. He dared not trust himself to go on. Something would be sure to creep in which would mar all his heroic attempts to write cheerfully. He fingered the flimsy sheets of paper contemptuously. What would Mellie and the girls think if they knew that he had bartered a week's rations of coffee for the stuff to write to them upon? They should never know from him what a lingering agony the days were to him.

His letter was written. His parcel was delivered to the prisoner for whom the gates were about to open, and then little Potts threw himself upon his prison bed with a groan of physical pain. The emotion resulting from putting himself in communication with his home brought on a return of his fever.

"I think," said Julia, looking doubtfully from her aunt to her sister, "we ought to ring the bell again."

"The courthouse bell?"

"Yes."

"What for?"

"To let them hear about papa."

Miss Melanie made a gesture of passionate impatience.

"They don't want to hear about him. Everybody has forgotten his very existence. Nobody has given a thought to him since the last pound of meal was given out in his name."

"Oh, Aunt Mellie, what dreadful ingrates you make them all out!"

"No, I don't make them out to be anything. They are just on an average with everybody else. We treated him like a malefactor ourselves. How can we expect others to take any interest in him?"

"Listen."

They listened. The courthouse bell was ringing at a great rate. The three women donned their hats in excited haste. As they ran down the terraces side by side Miss Melanie wondered if Timothy Drew could have been officious enough to tell about their parcel; but they were soon enlightened.

Like a frightened flock of sheep they found the usual gathering of women huddled on the courthouse steps. The Rev. Mr. Brownell, Timothy Drew and the one eyed druggist, towering in homemade palmetto hats above the sunbonnets and the bare heads of the feminine majority, represented the masculine element.

"Well, what now?"

Miss Melanie joined them, red faced and breathless. She took off her sunbonnet to fan herself as at least half a dozen women undertook to answer her at once.

Out of the confusion of tongues she extracted the facts of the case. The Marine brigade was even then ransacking the houses in the lower end of the town with the avowed purpose of searching for arms and hidden soldiers.

Miss Melanie was crisply ready with an opinion.

"Bless my soul, then, we had all better have staid at home! They are not going to find any men hidden on my premises, or any guns either, but they will find plenty else that they won't be above walking off with. Who rang that bell anyway?"

"It was rung by my orders," said the Rev. Brownell. "I think at such junctures as this it is always best to seek wisdom in friendly counsel."

"Mh!" said Miss Melanie, looking resolutely away from the speaker. "Is Miss Belknap here?"

"No; she seldom comes to our meeting. Why?"

"Because she is about the only one this news concerns very nearly. It must be about time for them to be getting here with the captain."

"I will take great pleasure in warning her at once," said the minister, making a step forward.

"Not if I can help it," said Miss Melanie, with decision. "Men are scarce just now, and it doesn't matter what sort they are they can't take a step without attracting attention. For you to go to see Miss Belknap while those marauders are swarming over the town is just to tell them that she is either hiding some one or expecting to. One of us women can better go out there with our arms full of bleached palmetto. She is the busiest hatmaker in all Cloverdell, and those scamps know just exactly how we spend our time. What do you all think?"

Miss Melanie's plan was unanimously indorsed, and the Rev. Mr. Brownell accepted her snubbing as a part of his daily burden in those days of female ascendency.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A Precautionary Measure.

"What are you doing now, doctor?" asked the actress.

"I am taking a snap shot photograph of you, madam," responded the dentist, "so that if any unpleasant consequences follow this operation and you sue me for damages for the loss of your beauty I can establish something in the nature of an alibi, as it were. I am ready now, madam, to extract the tooth."—Chicago Tribune.

Putting It Indirectly.

Inski—Look here! Is it you that has been circulating the report that I had not washed my face for seven years?

Sinski—No. All I said was that if a wasp wanted to sting you he'd have to carry a shovel.—London Tit-Bits.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure. This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

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SPRAINS.

Why They Are So Severe and How They Should Be Treated.

It is commonly said that a sprained joint is worse than a broken bone, and this is often true, for in a severe sprain the injury is really greater than in a simple fracture. The ankle is perhaps the most frequently sprained of all the joints, though the knee, elbow and wrist are also very liable to be injured, in falls especially.

A sprain of a joint varies greatly in severity. It may consist of a simple wrench, without the tearing of any of the ligaments, or it may be a more extensive injury, stopping just short of a dislocation.

In a moderately severe case one or more of the ligaments of the joint will be torn slightly, or possibly completely across. The membrane beneath the ligaments, which retains the lubricating fluid of the joint, will be ruptured, permitting the escape of more or less of this fluid into the parts about, and giving rise sometimes to a considerable swelling. This swelling may be increased also by an effusion of fluid into the joint, especially if inflammation sets in, and finally there is usually a slight or even sometimes a quite pronounced escape of blood into the tissues, and this, gradually working to the surface, appears as a black and blue stain.

In more severe cases the tendons passing over the joint and attaching the muscles which move it to the bones may suffer considerable damage, or one of them may be broken or torn from its attachment, bringing with it a sliver of bone. Where so much harm has been done to all the parts—bones, ligaments, tendons and muscles—it is easy to understand that much pain will result and that the cure will be tedious.

In the treatment of a sprain the first thing to be aimed at is to relieve pain and prevent inflammation, then to favor healing of the torn structures, and after that to restore the use of the limb.

The first of these objects is accomplished by absolute rest of the injured part, the limb being raised, and by lead and opium wash, a spirit lotion, or such other local applications as the physician may prescribe. Swelling is prevented in a measure and pain is sometimes relieved by firm bandaging with a flannel bandage.

When the swelling, heat and pain are gone, the limb should not be used too soon, but should be brought gradually back to health by cold douching, dry rubbing in a direction toward the body and passive motion. It is sometimes necessary in very severe cases to treat the sprain by means of splints, exactly as if it were a fracture or dislocation.—Youth's Companion.

MUZZLED DUCKS.

Not Because They Might Bite, but to Silence Their Quacking.

A baggage man on the Santa Fe who runs into Kansas City from out in the western part of Kansas has lost lots of sleep. It is doubtful if he can ever catch up with it. He leaves Hutchinson at night and reaches Kansas City in the morning. Nearly every night he brings in his car two or three coops of live domestic ducks. During the night, when he has no baggage to deliver at small stations, it has been his habit and privilege to lie down on an improvised couch and doze. With the advent of the ducks the dozing stopped. The almost constant quacking of the ducks, who could not understand their strange environment, would not permit of sleep.

For many nights as he lay awake he planned relief. He thought of strangling the ducks or chloroforming them. But neither expedient seemed good. One night a bright idea came to him. After he had put it into execution the ducks were silent.

The next night he had two coops of unusually vociferous ducks. As soon as it came time for sleep he wrenched a slat from one of the coops, reached in and pulled out a duck. From his pocket he took a small rubber band, which he slipped over the duck's bill just back of the nostrils. The duck tried to quack, but the rubber band, while it gives a little, would not permit the duck to open its bill far enough to use its tongue. Only a murmur came from it. One by one the ducks were muzzled and the baggage man rested comfortably.

The commission men were surprised next morning when they received a lot of ducks with rubber bands around their bills, and when the bands were removed the shouts of protest from the ducks were deafening.—Kansas City Star.

"By Hook or Crook."

In old times the poor of a manor were permitted to obtain as fuel the dead wood from the surrounding woodland. The dead twigs and branches which were beyond their reach they were allowed to lop off with a hook or a crook.

There is a document among the records of the town of Bodmin which gives the right to the burgesses of the town under the concession of the prior of Bodmin, "to bear and carry away on their backs and in no other way the lop, crop, hoop, crook and bag wood in the prior's wood of Dunmeer."

Another part of this paper mentions this as "a right with hook and crook to lop, crop and carry away fuel, etc., in the same wood."

The date of this record is 1525.—New York World.

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your liver, stomach and kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at A. B. Armstrong & Co's drug store, only 50 cents per bottle.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section; to-day Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can." The druggist recognized a household name for De Witt's Little Early Risers, and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, sick headache, liver and stomach troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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FRIDAY, APR. 1, 1898.

[illegible] TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR
CHARLES W. STONE,
of Warren County.
([illegible] of State convention.)

FOR CONGRESS
H. H. NORTH,
of McKean County.
([illegible] of Congressional conference)

MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY
B. A. DEMPSEY,
of Bradford.
T. W. RICHMOND,
of Smethport.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER
J. W. CAMPBELL,
of Kane.

FOR CORONER
R. R. SHERMAN,
of Bradford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

[illegible]—Please announce that I am [illegible] representative in Congress [illegible], subject to the [illegible] party and to the deci[illegible] conference.

HERMAN H. NORTH.
[illegible], February 28, 1898.

[illegible] will be 363 delegates to the State convention, 182 be[illegible] to a choice.

[illegible] county, as predicted [illegible] ago, has instructed its dele[illegible] State convention for Hon. [illegible] for governor.

LEARNEDGE has succeeded [illegible] new word—"gubernation-[illegible] evidently has better success [illegible] words than he has prose[illegible] to his views on the silver [illegible]

[illegible] W. STONE, the star of the [illegible] did well Saturday. He was [illegible] Venango's three delegates, Mc[illegible] and Cameron's one. The [illegible] of those counties are [illegible] delegates down to Harrisburg [illegible] clean, popular State ad[illegible]—DuBois Courier.

[illegible] "middle of the road" faction [illegible] find such pleasant traveling [illegible] heretofore, owing to the [illegible] that has struck her [illegible] by receiving a better [illegible] their wheat. Even the ele[illegible] a bounteous harvest con[illegible] against Bryan, Sewell and Wat[illegible]

[illegible] counsel for Joseph Clemmer of [illegible], Pa., who was to be tried [illegible] murder, objected to the jury on [illegible] that the jury commission[illegible] prejudiced by political affil[illegible] in the selection of names to be [illegible] in the jury wheel. Judge [illegible] sustained the challenge and [illegible] the array of jurors.

[illegible] friends are glad to learn of [illegible] nomination of John W. Campbell [illegible] treasurer by the Republi[illegible] McKean county. He ran like [illegible] around Kane at the pri[illegible] last Saturday and received [illegible] all the votes. Best of all he [illegible] his success, and will be elect[illegible] large majority.—Warren Mail.

[illegible] best thing so far heard on the [illegible] nation was uttered by the Span[illegible] minister to the court of Vienna. He said, "If, during a war, [illegible] United States should incite Phil[illegible] revolt, Spain could revenge [illegible] by raising a revolt in the Southern States." The re[illegible] that Spain would raise in the [illegible] States would be of such a [illegible] that Spain would wish those [illegible] the antipodes. When the [illegible] could hear that Southern yell [illegible] would think old satan was after [illegible] for safety.

[illegible] President has submitted to [illegible] propositions relative to the [illegible] of the Cuban question, as [illegible] "Spain to proclaim imme[illegible] an armistice in Cuba to last [illegible] October, during which interval [illegible] United States will use its good of[illegible] with the insurgents to make this [illegible] peace permanent; and see [illegible] Spain to do her best toward re[illegible] the suffering and starvation on [illegible] island, with America to be allowed [illegible] in this work." If the Spanish [illegible] are wise they will accept [illegible] propositions, and that will re[illegible] suffering on the island and [illegible] butchering of both Cubans [illegible]. The difficulty over the [illegible] the Battleship Maine can be [illegible] afterwards.

[illegible] is full of wars and rumors [illegible] but so far the calm and reso[illegible] of our able President [illegible] succeeded in stemming the tide [illegible] prevent the loss of innumer[illegible], to say nothing of property. [illegible] ones who are so loudly [illegible] for war to commence succeed [illegible] little while in arousing public [illegible] in certain localities to a [illegible] on frenzy, But after a [illegible] it subsides only to spring up [illegible] localities. Even United [illegible] Senators and Congressmen have [illegible] of fiery patriotism overwhelm[illegible] and they break out in tirades [illegible] this suspense. But the man [illegible] the destiny of war or peace [illegible] knows full well that if he [illegible] follow the advice of these hot[illegible] they would be the [illegible] censure of his actions if a [illegible] should be made in declaring [illegible] hostility. The country is for[illegible] having a man as its chief ex[illegible] who is able to rise above pub[illegible] and keep sufficiently cool [illegible] trying ordeals. Many days [illegible] before his determined [illegible] crisis will be the [illegible] the whole country. [illegible] blame the President [illegible]

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 28, 1898.

President McKinley is master of the diplomatic game that Spain wanted to play. He has sent the report of the naval court of inquiry, that the Maine was treacherously blown up from the outside, to Congress, where it has been referred to committees, and has merely forwarded a copy of the report to Spain, without accompanying it with any specific demand. He has thus defeated the intention of Spain to play its own alleged report, that the explosion was internal, against the report of our court and to ask that an international court be selected to determine which report should be accepted by both countries. Spain had hoped to gain more time by that dispute, but no dispute is to be recognized by this government. The report of our court is final. Spain now has an opportunity to offer to do the right thing, but no matter what it does, President McKinley intends, as all the world will see in a very few days, that peace shall reign in Cuba, and starvation cease to stalk over the island.

The Congressional leaders of all parties have been taken into the confidence of President McKinley, as to his plans, and in return they have promised that Congress would not take any precipitate action on the Maine report, but would allow the matter to rest until the President diplomatically informs Spain of his intentions as to Cuba, and ascertains whether those intentions will be peaceably acquiesced in, or be met by war. Meanwhile, the President accepts the hint of the Spanish government that the fleet of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers have been sent to Porto Rico for effect upon the elections in Spain and not with hostile intentions towards the United States. Should that fleet, however, be started from Porto Rico to Cuba, it will be considered a hostile move against this country and will be treated accordingly. In short, Spain must choose whether it will retire from Cuba peacefully, or be driven out. That is just about where the matter stands. President McKinley is prepared for either contingency, but wishes to give Spain a last chance to avoid trouble.

The Agricultural Department will, this season, conduct two special investigations in Alaska, one to ascertain by practical experiments what vegetables and cereals can be grown in Alaskan soil, and one, under the auspices of the Weather Bureau, to obtain information as to general climatic conditions. These experiments will be more likely to determine whether Alaska is to become thickly populated than the discoveries of the gold hunters.

Representative Foss of Illinois paid a splendid and deserved tribute to American sailors, in a speech in the House, from which the following is extracted: "The brilliant achievements of the American sailor in the war of our National Independence, when our navy consisted of only a small fleet of eight vessels, in command of Commodore Essex Hopkins, early inspired a feeling of pride in our navy. The names of Biddle and Barry, and Nichols and Whipple, and of others I might mention, recall the daring and bravery of that period. If war should come and we were obliged to rely upon our navy to protect the honor of this country upon the sea, the American people would soon discover that the men in the navy to-day are fully as brave, daring and eager to meet the foe as the American sailors of the past, whose faith and truth on war's red touchstone rang true metal.'"

Nothing more significant of the drift of everything towards war has occurred than the order of Secretary Long that all of our warships should at once be painted a less conspicuous color than white, which makes too good a target.

If there is to be war, this government has no idea of confining it to Cuba and the adjacent waters. No plan has been or will be made public, but all the same there is a plan, which will be promptly carried out, to carry the war right into Spain itself. This government has not sought and is not seeking war, but if war comes, it intends to utilize all of its enormous resources of men and money to fight it to a speedy and victorious end.

A War Department official says that if present plans are not changed, the breaking out of war with Spain will be immediately followed by the mustering into the United States army by regiments, of the entire organized militia of the country. As there are more than 100,000 men in the militia, it is believed that they will be all the soldiers that will be used. It would be possible to mass the entire militia force of the country at any given point well inside of ten days. There appears to be some doubt in some quarters as to the President's authority to thus utilize the State militia, but there is none among officials in Washington, who has made a study of the subject.

One of the results of the recent activity on the part of the government in preparing for exigencies is that every port on our coast in which any considerable damage could be done by warships of an enemy, is so well defended that experts declare that it would be an absolute impossibility for the entire naval force of Spain to enter a single one of them, and that for Spanish warships to even attempt to do so would result in their almost certain destruction. Thanks to an alert President and a patriotic Congress our seacoast cities are safe from either invasion or serious damage from a foreign enemy.

American Securities Abroad.

The sales of American securities have been, according to London advices, very large abroad of late. If this state of things holds, there will be an increasing influx of British gold into this market. This demonstrates the faith abroad in the stability of our credit. There is another point of faith for which the people not only of this but foreign countries have good grounds for credence, and that is belief in the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters for inorganic maladies which affect the stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys and nerves. Dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation and rheumatism are conquered by it. It hastens convalescence, and diffuses a generous warmth and sensation of physical comfort through the system.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one-third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlin's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

M. L. Yocum, Cameron, Pa., says: "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pile remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure." As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures [illegible] and all throat and lung [illegible] Armstrong & Co.

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The following interesting historical facts relating to the early history of our county were prepared by Mr. Sheridan Gorton, who devoted a great deal of time in compiling the same, and was delivered by the author at the Masonic hall in this place last Wednesday. Preserve this paper as it contains valuable information for future generations:

Every man of intelligence, who has a wish to keep in touch with the people of the present day, and to know something of the past, has sought information regarding the great events of history, the rise and fall of great nations, the origin and growth of our present civilization, the progress that from remote times has been made, and even the extent and change of boundaries of great empires. He has no doubt carefully read and perhaps studied the historical accounts, traditions and even fables of ancient Greece and Rome, and in such leisure time as he may have had tried to make himself conversant with the leading events and topics of the present day.

To the members of our order the history of the Egyptians, the Chaldeans, the Assyrians, the Persians and the Israelites are peculiarly interesting, connected as they all are with the origin and legends of our fraternity.

But how many of us in the active labors and bustling incidents that encompass every American engaged in business or professional life, have ever paused to inquire into that which has always surrounded us; to learn more about our own State, than that it was founded by William Penn; to find out its former boundaries and first settlers, or to interest ourselves regarding the divisions of our own county, its former boundaries, its history, or the changes it has passed through since first its hardy pioneers commenced to fell and clear away its unbroken forests.

The principal object of this paper is to place before you in their regular order the number and extent of the original townships of the county, and to explain how and when the present townships were formed. In so doing it will not be out of place to briefly review some of the leading incidents regarding the formation of both the State and county.

Early in the seventeenth century the Dutch claimed by right of discovery the whole of the Atlantic coast from New England to Virginia. They built a fort on Manhattan Island and named that place New Amsterdam, and the country now occupied by eastern New York, New Jersey, Delaware and eastern Pennsylvania, New Netherlands.

They had extended their settlements up the Hudson river as far as Albany, where they built a fort and started a town, naming it Orange. They, sending their traders along the Delaware and finding their business profitable, had established various trading posts on the river, but made no effort to plant colonies for the cultivation of the soil, but confined their efforts to the exchange of commodities with the native Indians.

The first real settlement on Pennsylvania soil was made by the Swedes in 1638 on the Delaware, near what is now the city of Chester. They becoming prosperous aroused the jealousy of the Dutch at New Amsterdam, who after repeated acts of hostility sent in 1655 an armed force to the Delaware, subjected the Swedish settlers and attached their country to the New Netherlands.

In 1664 England claimed the entire country called New Netherlands by virtue of discovery prior to that by the Dutch, and enforced their claim by sending an army to New Amsterdam and demanding its surrender. Governor Stuyvesant, being powerless, was forced to surrender without a struggle. Previous to the sending of this force, King Charles II had granted a charter to the Duke of York covering all the lands between the Delaware and Hudson rivers, which would embrace all of New Jersey. Upon the surrender of Stuyvesant the English changed the name of the province to New York and the name of Fort Orange to Albany.

The English held possession of the province till 1673 when it was recaptured by the Dutch, including the Swedish settlements on the west side of the Delaware. The Dutch, however, remained in possession but a short time, as the same year it was restored to England and remained in their possession till the war of the Revolution.

Chester was at that time, and at the time of Penn's coming, quite a town, and flourishing settlements had been established down the river into what is now the State of Delaware. Southeastern Pennsylvania was not at the time of Penn a wilderness, but possessed of a considerable population whose farms extended some way back from the river.

In 1681 the charter of Pennsylvania was granted by Charles II to William Penn, and he formally took possession very soon afterwards by sending his cousin, William Markham, with three ship loads of settlers. Penn, however, did not arrive till August, 1682, when on the ship Welcome, accompanied by one hundred planters, he crossed the Atlantic and first landed at Chester. He soon after went to Philadelphia where he established his residence and the seat of the Proprietary government. Pennsylvania, about this time, including the original grant and others received by Penn, embraced all of what is now the State of Delaware, Delaware not being entirely separated from Pennsylvania till 1776.

We all know that Penn did not undertake to wrest from them, by force, the lands of the Indians, but started in by purchasing large tracts. The first purchase was made in 1682. This policy was followed by the Proprietary Governors after Penn, and even by the Commonwealth after the Revolution.

Previous to 1736 but a very small portion of the territory was held by such purchase, and although a considerable purchase was made in that year, until 1749 not one-sixth of Pennsylvania was held by such title.

Additional purchases were made in 1749, 1758, 1768 and 1784. The last purchase was made covering nearly one-third of the State and extending from the Ohio river on the southwest to Lake Erie on the northwest and as far along the State line east to the Susquehanna river where it crosses the line near the center of Bradford county, embracing McKean county and portions if not the whole of twenty-two other of the present counties of the State.

In 1804 McKean county was formed from Lycoming county under the following description: Beginning at the southeast corner of Warren county (Warren county having been formed in 1800 out of Lycoming and Allegheny); thence east along the line of Jefferson county to the northeast corner thereof; thence south along the line of Jefferson county fifteen miles; thence east twenty-two miles; thence north to the State line; thence west along the State line to the northeast corner of Warren county; thence south along the line of Warren county to the place of beginning. It was also provided in the act forming the county that the place for holding the courts of justice in and for said county should be fixed by the legislature at a distance not greater than seven miles from the center of the county. The act also provided for the appointment of trustees.

Not having reference to any maps of that early date, and the same act of assembly forming the counties of Jefferson, Clearfield, Potter, Tioga and Cameron, it is impossible for me to state the then boundaries by any known points of the present day, but one can be sure that this county then embraced nearly all of the present county of Cameron and a considerable portion of the county of Elk. That the petition did not know the exact boundaries is evident from an act [illegible] McKean and western [illegible]. This boundary was changed to its present line by act of 1814.

By the act of 1804 the counties of McKean and Clearfield were attached to the county of Centre and the courts were held in Bellefonte.

By act of March 14th, 1806, the power and authority of the commissioners and county officers of Centre county were extended to what was then called the County District of McKean.

On December 13th, 1806, Hon. McKean appointed John Brevost, John Bell and Thomas Smith trustees of the new county. In May, 1806, the trustees posted a notice at Ceres that they were ready to receive proposals for the county town, offers having been made by Paul Busti, agent of the Holland Land Co., and by John Keating. The offer of John Keating which was accepted in September, 1807, was 200 acres at the forks of the Mamuedah, one half of the lots surveyed, 100 acres for the support of a school teacher and $600 cash to aid in erecting a school building. John Keating and the trustees visited the location before the time of its acceptance.

By act of March 4th, 1807, it was provided "That the seat of justice for the County District of McKean shall be, and the same is hereby established and confirmed at the town of Smithsport in the county of McKean." This act also provided that the trustees of the county should receive from John Keating one half of the town lots and two public squares in said town, one for the county buildings and the other for the use of an academy or public school, also 150 acres of land to be appropriated to the use of the academy or public school. This arrangement was made and the conveyances duly delivered. The mistake made by the Keating surveyor, Francis King, in locating the town partly on the Bingham lands and the difficulties that arose therefrom are matters that we cannot dwell upon. The dispute was finally arranged between the Keating and Bingham estates to the satisfaction of all parties.

The town of Smethport was surveyed in 1807 and laid out on the north side of Marvin creek, in nearly its present form, by Francis King, surveyor for John Keating, King then living at Ceres where he had settled about 1800. The following appears in the handwriting of Francis King, in a book in possession of Hon. B. D. Hamlin, regarding the survey of Smethport: "Running of the town lots of Smethport, etc. Twenty fourth of the eighth month, 1807, left home to go to Smethport and loaded at the mouth of our creek; 25th, continued up the river and lodged at the mouth of Potato creek; 26th, camped near the forks of the creek; 27th, still raining, went up the small branch and built a camp; 28th, finished camp and moved into it; 19th of the ninth month finished survey of the town."

In 1814 the counties of Potter and McKean were provisionally organized and placed under the jurisdiction of the Lycoming county courts, in which county the courts were held till 1826. McKean county was authorized to elect two county commissioners and Potter county one. In 1823 an act was passed requiring the commissioners of the provisional counties of Potter and McKean to clear from all timber and brush so much of the sites of the courts of justice as they may deem expedient, not to exceed thirty acres each, the moneys expended therefor to be paid out of the county funds.

In 1824 these two counties were entirely separated from all other county districts, and from each other except as to the place for holding courts. In 1827 the mason work of the court house in Smethport was accepted and the first court was held in Smethport in 1826. It is my opinion that the courts of Potter county were held here till the completion of the court house at Coudersport in 1835, though of this last I am not certain.

In the latter part of the last century the first road was laid out between Pine creek and the Oswayo, and in 1801 Francis King speaks of finding a line blazed for a road between the head waters of Pine creek and the head of the Allegheny in 1797.

The first settler in the county on the Allegheny was Philip Tome, who settled in what is now Corydon township, Warren county in 1796. In connection with the settlement by Philip Tome it might not be out of place to relate the conversation that I had with his son Philip who was born shortly after, and who died at an advanced age about two years ago. In relating the circumstances of his father's coming to this county, he said: "My father and mother with two small children came on horseback from Jersey Shore to Canoe Place (now Port Allegany) in 1808, bringing on the backs of pack horses such goods and effects as they brought with them. There he built a canoe out of a pine tree, put his family and his goods into it and started down the river. The first night they stopped at Olean Point where they found a log house occupied by a man, living there alone, who made canoes and kept them for sale and hire.

The next day continuing down the river, when below where Salamanca now is, an Indian appeared upon the bank and beckoned to them to come ashore. He was a large, powerful man and my mother was terrified. My father, however paddled the canoe ashore where the Indian stood, who in broken English greeted them with 'How de do? Got a nice papoose; me got papoose, too. Where go?' At these words my mother's fear left her and ever afterwards she had no fear of the Indians, but on the contrary was always very friendly with them and very much interested in their ways."

The county was developed very slowly. With the exception of the opening of two or three coal mines but little except lumbering was done till the discovery of oil. Agriculture until quite a recent date has received but little attention. A mine for the supply of blacksmith coal was opened at Clermont at quite an early date. I remember my stepfather telling me of coming in a sleigh from Cuba, N. Y., in his boyhood for a load of this coal. In 1810 the population of the county was 142 and Potter county had but 29. There were but two villages of any account, Ceres and Instanter. In a very few years Instanter was practically abandoned but Ceres still remains.

In 1820 there were only 728 persons in the county and in 1830 the population had only reached 1,439. We can therefore safely infer that in 1824 when this county was entirely separated from all others and took upon herself the entire burden of separate county existence there were within her bounds only about a thousand inhabitants in an area nearly one half as large again as her present extent. In the present age it would seem the height of folly for so few people to undertake such a task.

To show in what condition the county was as late as 1832, I copy the following from the Gazetteer: "It is everywhere hilly along the streams but nowhere mountainous, and abounds with coal, iron and salt; the first is found in every township, and works have been erected for manufacturing salt at the small village of Emporium, on a branch of the Sinnemahoning. * * The only places that can claim the slightest pretention to be considered as towns are Smethport, Emporium and Ceres, neither of the two last contains six houses. * * There is not a church in the county yet, an academy endowed by John Keating and others, and further receiving $2,000 from the State, was incorporated on January 19th, 1822. There is in the town of Smethport a very substantial brick court house and a stone prison; there is also a newspaper published here. Lumber seeks the western market at Pittsburg by the Allegheny and the eastern markets by the Susquehanna creek."

Although spending considerable time with the help of Hon. B. D. Hamlin I have been unable to ascertain when and how the townships of Ceres and Sergeant were formed. In a book marked "Roads, &c., Lycoming County in 1804" [illegible] From a petition presented to the courts of Lycoming county in 1803 I find that previous to [illegible] the whole of McKean county consisted of the two townships of Ceres and Sergeant [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] end of [illegible] was enlarged [illegible] of the township [illegible] township, and [illegible] was attached [illegible]

In 1826 [illegible] township was taken from [illegible] and in 18[illegible] a portion of [illegible] the west [illegible] and the [illegible] was attached to Corydon [illegible] changes were made in its southern and eastern boundary, and in 18[illegible] it was extended south to its present limits.

In 18[illegible] Norwich was taken from the east end of Sergeant and embraced all of the observed township of Wetmore and extended west to its present limits. In 18[illegible] a part was attached to Liberty.

In 18[illegible] Lafayette township was taken from the west end of Keating and I believe has not been changed since that time.

In 18[illegible] Eldred township was taken from Ceres. It then embraced the township of Otto. In 18[illegible] a slight change was made in its eastern boundary.

In 18[illegible] Hamlin township was taken from Sergeant, the eastern portion being the same as at present, but extending west to the Warren county line. That portion west of its present boundary was afterwards attached to Wetmore township and a part is now in Hamilton.

In 18[illegible] Otto township was taken from Eldred and two warrants near the present village of Colegrove were afterwards attached to Keating.

In 18[illegible] Wetmore township was taken from Sergeant and Hamlin, and in 18[illegible] was extended to its present limits.

In 18[illegible] the township of Annin was formed from portions of Ceres and Liberty. There have since been several changes in the division line between Annin and Ceres.

In 18[illegible] the township of Foster was formed out of a portion of Bradford township, this being the last township formed in the county.

The present townships of the county seem to have been organized in the following order: Ceres, Sergeant, Keating, Bradford, Liberty, Corydon, Hamilton, Norwich, Lafayette, Eldred, Hamlin, Otto, Wetmore, Annin and Foster.

The boroughs in the county were organized and chartered as follows:

Smethport, in 1853.
Bradford, in 18[illegible].
Kendall, in March, 18[illegible].
Duke Centre, in September, 1878.
Eldred, in 18[illegible].
Port Allegany, in 1882.
Kane, in 18[illegible].
Mt. Jewett, in 18[illegible].

The borough of Duke Centre surrendered its charter and the borough of Kendall has been incorporated with the city of Bradford and the borough of Bradford, with considerable adjacent territory, has become the city of Bradford.

The county has at present fifteen townships, [illegible] boroughs and one city, and the present population is estimated at [illegible] thousand.

I have presented to you a brief outline of a subject in which I have been deeply interested. Whether the result of my inquiries has been in the minds of my hearers commensurate with the labor necessary for its compilation, I of course cannot determine, but to me it has been a pleasure, and I trust this talk [illegible] county ought to be as much interested in a matter of this character.

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NOTICE

[illegible]

[illegible] borough of Smethport [illegible] 1897.

[illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
[illegible] road ma[illegible]	1302 25	
[illegible] labor on	1415 11	
[illegible]	307 23	
[illegible] sewers and	226 22	
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[illegible] Blacksmith-	45 45	
[illegible] interest on	12 34	
[illegible]	4 25	
[illegible]	1053 60	
[illegible]	115 01	
[illegible]	60 12	5504 73

[illegible], Treasurer, in account with [illegible]

	Dr.	
[illegible] per last auditors' [illegible]	215 60	
[illegible] Collector E. T. [illegible]	793 00	1008 60
	Cr.	
[illegible] bonds Nos 26 and 27	400 00	
[illegible] coupons and State [illegible]	412 03	
[illegible] commission of [illegible]	16 83	
[illegible] balance due the fund from F. D. Gallup, Treas	179 70	1008 60

J. C. GALLUP, Collector, in account with Smethport borough.

	Dr.	
To balance of 1896 duplicate as per last auditors' report	631 62	631 62
	Cr.	
By exonerations	0 01	
By balance of 1896 duplicate in hands of J. C. Gallup	631 61	631 62

E. T. DALY, Collector, in account with Smethport borough.

	Dr.	
To tax duplicate of 1897	2325 73	2325 73
	Cr.	
By cash to Treas. F. D. Gallup	[illegible]	
By 5 per cent discount to taxpayers on $1[illegible]	89 16	
By 2 per cent commission on net tax received $1[illegible]	37 63	
By 5 per cent commission on tax at par $[illegible]	10 13	
By balance of duplicate outstanding	740 73	2325 73

LIABILITIES.

Order No 14 of 1896 outstanding	1 85	
Order No 179 of 1897 outstanding	1 25	
Bonds Nos 16, 17 and 18	1200 00	
Bonds Nos 21 to 54 inclusive	6450 00	
Loan council resolution of Feb'y 21st, 1898	700 00	8353 10

RESOURCES.

Collector Knapp duplicate of 1893	28 65	
Collector J. C. Gallup duplicate of 1896	631 61	
Due from uncollected sewer assessments	[illegible]	
Cash in hands of Treasurer F. D. Gallup	[illegible]	
Balance of 1897 duplicate outstanding	740 73	1843 17
Liabilities in excess of resources		6509 93

And now March 22d, 1898, having examined the accounts of F. D. Gallup, Treasurer, and J. C. Gallup, Collector, and E. T. Daly, Collector, we find and report balances against them and due the borough of Smethport as above set forth.

OSCAR ENGSTROM,
J. B. EASTMAN,
G. B. MAYO,
} Auditors.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF FIERA FACIAS issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale on the premises in the city of Bradford, on THURSDAY, THE [illegible] DAY OF APRIL, 1898, at two o'clock p. m., the following described piece of property:

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Maplewood avenue, said point being one hundred and ten feet northerly from the northwest corner of Maplewood avenue and Kane street; thence westerly at right angles with said Maplewood avenue one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to a point; thence northerly parallel with Maplewood avenue thirty (30) feet to a point; thence easterly at right angles with Maplewood avenue one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to a point in the westerly line of said Maplewood avenue; thence southerly along said Maplewood avenue thirty (30) feet to the place of beginning, and being lot No. thirteen (13) according to the map of lots on Maplewood avenue made by M. M. Webster, surveyor, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of McKean Co., Pa., in Deed Book Vol. 57, page [illegible], etc. Improved and having thereon erected one two story frame dwelling house.

Seized, taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Charles F. Peterson at the suit of Industrial Savings and Loan Company.

Brown and Schoonmaker, plaintiff's attorneys.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., March 15th, 1898.

Assignee's Notice.

In the matter of the assignment of James Carter to A. C. Phillips for the benefit of the creditors of said James Carter. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa. No. 2[illegible], June Term, 1898.

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:—

Take notice that A. C. Phillips, Assignee of James Carter, has filed his Second and Final account of trust as such Assignee, and the same will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas, for allowance, at a session of said Court to be held at Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 18th day of April, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., and the same will then be allowed and confirmed absolutely, unless cause be shown why the same should not be allowed.

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Smethport, Pa., March 15th, 1898.—12-3t.

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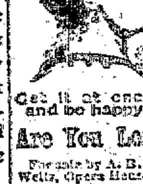

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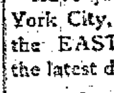

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D. C. YOUNG,
Jan. 4, 1898. Smethport, Pa.

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To get all the Perfumes, Toilet Goods, Brushes, Syringes, Hotwater Bags, and all other Druggists Sundries if you don't mind what you get. But is safer in the long run to take the trouble

To go to the right place. Do not go the Wrong Way.

We are in a position to supply the wants of everybody. We have everything that is to be had in the Drug or Drug Sundry lines and we sell them at such remarkably low prices that we are bound to win your custom and incidently your good will.

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Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of
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We include the popular blouse effects.

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We modestly assert our stock is unmatched in this district.

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Feb. 3, 1898. **Smethport, Pa.**

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is made by presenting your friend with your picture. But it must be a good one and to get a good one this is the place to come to. The light makes no difference—dark days just as good as bright ones.

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We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from. We have everything in

Fine Shoes

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town. We make a specialty of FINE SHOES; every width and size.

BURT & PACKARD's Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport.

R. W. Bloodsworth & Co.,
Olean, N. Y.

Commence the New Year by Smoking

The American Gentleman Cigar.

You will never regret the good resolution you have started. For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, APR. 1, 1898

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—All fool's day.

—Keep your eye on the smart alecks to-day.

—Old papers at this office. Come early if you want them.

—Williamsport expects to have a silk manufactory in the near future.

—Born, on Wednesday, March 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hektor a son.

—The Olean Bee had the blues last week—that is it was printed in blue ink.

—A young councilman arrived at the residence of Charles Anderson last Tuesday night.

—The county commissioners have been holding appeals at Kildred and Duke Centre this week.

—The new cheese factory at Coryville is about completed and will soon be in running order.

—John McNamara and Miss Alice Hill of Bradford were married at Limestone, N. Y., on March 18.

—The program in full for the entertainment to be given April 11 will appear in next week's paper.

—The MINER has a new scribe from Clermont this week. For a beginner this letter is not so slow.

—McCoys' Drug Store advertises pure drugs this week. This store makes a specialty of prescriptions.

—Miss Mattie Backus, who has been suffering with quite a severe case of tonsilitis in a week, is improving.

—Comrade Wright has been having his house made more attractive by the application of paper and paint inside.

—Do not forget the Easter opening at Mrs. E. E. Chambers' millinery store next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

—The Oak Leather Harness & Carriage Co. of Olean has a change of advertisement in this issue. Do not fail to read it.

—The Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin says the Demorest bicycle works are turning out nearly five hundred wheels a week.

—The MINER is prepared to furnish something very fine in the line of society cards. Call and examine designs and get prices.

—Old Man Racket tells you this week something about painting and the kind of paint to use. But paint is not the only article sold by Stickles.

—On the second page will be found a lengthy and very interesting article by District Attorney Sheridan Gorton on the early history McKean county.

—W. E. Dearolf, an employe of the South Penn Oil Co. at Watsonville, fell from the top of a derrick Tuesday and escaped without serious injury.

—John Nelson, the clever ball player of this city, is at Newark, N. J., practicing with the base ball team of that place of which he is a member.—Bradford Star.

—The Bradford Board of School Control settled the question of a site for a new high school building in that city last Friday evening by selecting the Woodward lot on Boylston street.

—John W. Baker of Bradford has been very ill for some time with appendicitis. He was taken to the hospital and an operation was performed Tuesday morning. Last reports are that he is improving.

—R. Nelson Roberts of Seneca, well and favorably known here was recently appointed postmaster of his town. If we should have a base ball team here the coming summer Mr. Roberts might be induced to bring his team up here again.

—[illegible] displayed for the old veteran in last week's Reporter would have subjected its editor to a coat of tar and feathers in that place in 1862.

—Mason has a new and seasonable adv. this week. Mr. Shook says his new $35 bicycles cannot be equaled anywhere for the money. In farming implements, etc., Mason continues to lead.

—The artist on the Potter Democrat in time will prove to be a second Zimmerman. The skill he displayed in cartooning one of Coudersport's prominent citizens last week was a decided hit.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending March 26, 1898: J. O. Brooks, James Shields, Caroline Weidel. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Just fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Curtis, on their arrival in Smethport, lodged in a hotel that was located on the very spot where the building stands in which Mrs. Curtis breathed her last.

—Louis Marck, proprietor of the Bradford wholesale liquor house, has something to say about his famous remedy for spring fever in his new advertisement which appears on the first page of this paper.

—Yesterday the April number of "Success," a quarto magazine edited by O. S. Marden of New York city, reached our desk. It is replete with very interesting reading, finely illustrated. Price only 10 cents.

—It seems funny to see those who published columns of abuse of President McKinley taking off their coats and rolling up their sleeves to whip DeLome for uttering a sentence in the same line.—Westfield Free Press.

—Kellar, the magician, entertained a large and appreciative audience at the Olean opera house last Tuesday night. As a sleight-of-hand performer he is a marvel and stands to-day without a peer in the mystic art.

—Each of the county commissioners have appealed from the report of county auditors settling their accounts with the county and poor district. They have employed the law firm of Bouton & Gallup to look after their interests.

—The work prepared and read before the C. L. S. C. on Tuesday, April 5, will be as follows: An essay, "Darwin and his Theory of Evolution," Helen S. Morrison; "Etruria and its People," Mrs. D. L. Forsythe. Visitors are welcome.

—While in Olean do not fail to call upon Mrs. G. C. Palmer, the fashionable milliner. She has just returned from New York city with a full line of the very latest styles in millinery. Peruse her advertisement in another column.

—John Reilly and Spot Gorman have been making the barber shop of Will Hungerford present a very neat appearance. The question is being quite generally discussed as to where "Spot" got the most paint—on his pantaloons or the side walls.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday (Palm Sunday) the services will be at 10 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. At the evening service the choir will sing the "Story of the Cross," a musical composition of great merit by Lacey Baker of Philadelphia.

—The celebrated Storey Family will give one of their pleasing musical concerts at the Baptist church, Wednesday evening, April 5th. These famous bellringers come highly recommended. Do not fail to attend as they are well worthy of being heard.

—Messrs. H. W. Rubin & Co. have a change of adv. this week. This popular furnishing house makes a special offer on boys' and youths' long and knee pant suits for confirmation. The merchant tailoring department is always abreast with the times.

—The second good gasser has been found over in Genesee and we understand work has been begun on piping the combustible fluid to Ulysses. It is asserted that within thirty days we shall have all the benefits to be derived from natural gas.—Ulysses Sentinel.

—If the young men wish to know which of the girls have holes in their stockings, all they have to do is to keep their eyes open, according to an exchange, which says that a girl who giggles in church is almost sure to have holes in her stockings, for she is not worth a darn.

—We defy any town in Northern Pennsylvania to turn out more worthless curs than Smethport. Look in any direction and three or four worthless dogs will come into view. It costs as much to keep one of these pests as it would to raise a pig and their only earthly good is to howl at night. Get rid of them.

—While looking over an old bible, David Burkhart of Belsano, Cambria county, discovered on a blank page the will of his wife, who died recently. It makes him heir to considerable property.—Ex. Read your bible occasionally. You will be surprised to discover what precious promises it contains.

—E. R. Roberts of Washington, D. C., arrived in Ceres Saturday evening for a brief visit with friends and relatives. He returned to Washington last night accompanied by his family who will reside in that city. Ray has a good position, and his old Ceres friends wish him and his family much happiness in their new home.—Ceres Mail.

—A little girl being called on in school to answer these questions: "What is a blacksmith shop? What is ice? What is a nest egg?" handed in the following truly original answers: "A blacksmith shop is a place where they make horses for I have seen them nailing on the feet. Ice is water that went to sleep in the cold. A nest egg is the one the hen measures by."—Ex.

—A Hollidaysburg, Pa., dispatch dated March 29 says: Judge Bell, in the Blair county court to-day, decided that the alien tax act of June 15, 1897, imposing a tax on all foreign-born laborers, is unconstitutional and in conflict with the fourteenth amendment, providing for equal taxation. The court held that the act put a premium on idleness and tax-d the industrious of a class.

—Jersey Shore proposes to take heroic steps to suppress the tramp nuisance. The authorities of the borough will prepare a stone pile upon which all vagrants arrested will be compelled to work, and each hobo will be ornamented with the latest style of ball and chain. Jersey Shore has been greatly bothered by tramps and this move to get rid of them is a wise one if the rule shall be enforced.—Renovo Record.

—At St. Luke's church during next week (Holy Week) there will be daily services at 9 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Also, children's service at 4 p. m. on Wednesday and Holy Communion at 8 a. m. on Thursday. Services on Good Friday at 9 a. m. and from 12 m. to 3 p. m., the Preaching of the Cross, Meditations on the Seven Words from the Cross, with hymns, prayers and silent devotions. Litany and sermon to children at 4 p. m. An earnest call is made to recognize this great memorial day and to join in its solemn services.

—[illegible] much promised which help to cheer us. And a large number have seen fit to ignore the bills entirely which tends to make us d—n spunky. To the latter class we simply say that the collecting agency will kindly give them its attention.

—Frances E. Willard was an honorary member of the Supreme Hive of the Ladies of the Maccabees, having but recently accepted the appointment. Sup. Com. Hollister and Sup. R. K. West were in attendance at the funeral services held in Evanston February 24. The loss of this grand woman and the loss of her interest and support in all movements for the advancement of woman is keenly felt by the womanhood of the nation and all hearts unite to do reverence to her name.—L. O. T. M. Review.

—G. W. King has had a new front put in his store at East Smethport and other improvements made that add greatly to the appearance of the building. On Monday while having some plumbing done a gas pipe was disconnected and the room filled with gas. A burning cigar lighter ignited the escaping fluid and for a few moments pandemonium reigned supreme. Mr. King tried to stop the gas by putting his hand over the pipe and was quite badly burned. Beyond the cracking of a few windows no damage was done.

—E. P. Dalrymple and Chet King, two Port Alleganians, are roaming around the outlying country in search of manufacturing plants for their town. Some time ago they succeeded, to all intents and purposes, in locating a large glass factory in Port Allegany. Like the Tubular Car works, however, the factory failed to materialize and now the irrepressible Chet and his friend are hot on the trail of other manufacturers who might seek an opportunity of burying themselves in Port Allegany. The hustlers recently visited DuBois and tried to induce Camp Brothers to start a glass factory in Port Allegany. The glass men modestly demanded a $15,000 bonus and Chet and his friend hastened away without making a deal.—Bradford Era.

—The Smethport Glee Club's first monthly smoker on Saturday evening was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. At 8 o'clock, after the Mandolin department had rendered a couple of selections, Mr. Victor Bouton, president of the club, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the invited guests and introduced the speaker of the evening, District Attorney Gorton. "Our Relations with Spain" was Mr. Gorton's theme, and a more interesting and instructive address than that of the able speaker could not have been given. Many kind words of encouragement and advice and promises of financial assistance were given by the visitors, and after a selection by the Vocal department of the club all departed for their homes well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Difficulty in a Church.

About eight years ago there was built at Ludlow a Union church principally by the efforts of Mrs. J. G. Curtis, intended for the holding of religious services by the English speaking people of the place, by any denomination they might wish to hear and support.

About a year ago an Episcopal minister held services there, at the invitation of some of the people, and made appointments to hold service once in two weeks. A Methodist minister was also holding service once in two weeks. One of the church going citizens objected to these services being held for the reason that he had not been consulted and ordered them not to hold services any more; locked and barred the church against them and got inside at the time the services were to be held, prepared to resist any one who attempted to enter. Under these circumstances services were held in the Swedish church that Sunday. The next appointment was in two weeks, at which time the said person was at the church having the doors barred and fixed so they could not be opened with the regular keys, and warning all the people that they were trespassers and must not enter the church. He was asked to desist and on refusing some of the people pushed open the door, opened the church and the service was held. At the next appointed service he was there again, taking names and threatened to have them arrested. This time the boys had a window fixed so they could open it, go in and thus open the church for service. This said person went to a lawyer for an injunction restraining the Episcopal minister from holding services in the church. The case is now pending in court. The evidence was all in Thursday noon and the case will be argued May 10th.

LUDLOW CHURCHMAN

The Editor's Prayer.

Almighty and kind Father, who doth from thy throne look down on the government of men and delinquent subscribers. Most humbly do we beseech Thee to draw near unto them and whisper a few things in their ears that the statutes forbid us to print. Thou knowest them not and seldom stop to inquire. Let it be known to them that there are large patches in the homestead of our pants, and there is an aching void in the front of our backs, and that we hunger and thirst and he asketh us not to sup with him. Thou knowest, Lord, that our print paper and ink cost money, but the subscriber knoweth it not and careth a darn sight less. Thou knowest we are cold and the subscriber bringeth not the wood he promised, and we are shivering and shaking while he roasteth his shins before the red hot stove of his mother-in-law. Tell him all these things, Lord, and if then he faileth and bringeth no succor, banish him to the lower regions to dwell among the calamity howlers, and Thine shall be the glory and praise throughout our newspaper career. Amen.—Exchange.

To the Supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties:

I have a large stock of tile on hand at Smethport, Port Allegany, Eldred and Clermont, and will sell it at the lowest prices. The tile is made from fire clay, salt glazed and warranted to stand water, frost and acids. All sizes suitable for sluices and culverts on hand. Apply to
30-4t A. REILLY, Smethport, Pa.

We have young men and women graduates of both book-keeping and shorthand, some with experience, who wish employment. If you are in need of either write us. We make no charge for our services and recommend thoroughly capable help. Address, Leming's Bradford Business College Bureau of Employment, Bradford, Pa.

Teachers' Examination.

The committee on permanent certificates will hold examination in the High School Building, Bradford, on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, beginning at 9:00 a. m. Teachers are requested to bring their professional certificates.

T. F. DRISCOLL, CHAIRMAN.

Go to the store of D. C. Young, Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8, and see the display of Gents' suiting for spring and summer. Over 300 styles of the latest novelties. A special cutter will be present to take measures and a fit is guaranteed. Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8.

Oh! I Say!

have you given Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin a trial? It will cure you of your constipation, will correct your stomach trouble s and make your life worth living. Trial size bottles 10c (10 doses 10c) large sizes 50c and $1.00, of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction or refund money.

Come and see my new styles of Spring suitings.
3-tf JOHN MILLER.

House for sale or rent. Possession given April 1.
5 tf B. T. Bodney.

[illegible] day last.

C. E. Mayo [illegible] court at [illegible] Monday.

[illegible]

[illegible]

John E. [illegible] spent Sunday at [illegible]

Chas. Ryan [illegible] business in Kane the first part of the week.

E. L. Keough transacted business in Bradford last Monday.

S. E. Bell of Kane visited his family in town over Sunday.

Col. and Mrs. Lucius Rogers went to Kane last Monday night.

Mrs. John Forrest visited Buffalo friends the first of the week.

O. J. Fairchild of Jamestown was in town on business Wednesday.

Don Brasted was taking in the sights of the Bison city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith of Ludlow attended court this week.

Miss Eddie Dunley spent a few days last week with friends in Eldred.

M. H. Gillette of Olean was the guest of friends in town over Sunday.

District Attorney and Mrs. Sheridan Gorton visited Bradford Monday.

R. L. Edgett, Esq., of Bradford was in town on business Wednesday.

J. H. Markham of Kane autographed at the Grand Central Wednesday.

Mrs. J. B. Kelley of Newerf was calling on friends in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Curtis of Ludlow were in attendance at court this week.

J. F. Keating of Clermont was circulating among old friends here Monday.

Nick Baker of Port Allegany was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

Carl Walford of Port Allegany was a guest at the Wright House Wednesday.

Misses Harriet Fraley and Octavia Ramer visited Hazelhurst friends Thursday.

Chas. Weir (Pinkey No. 2) of Buffalo was greeting old friends here Wednesday.

Fred Olds of Newerf was circulating among old friends in town Wednesday.

Henry Evans of Colegrove was a most welcome caller at this office on Tuesday.

Rev. I. L. Taylor of Kane has been a guest at the Central a few days this week.

Mrs. J. C. Gallup and children have been visiting Mansfield friends for several days.

John Stoutenberg (Tammany John) was talking war to beat the band here Wednesday.

Attorney W. E. Rice of Warren was transacting business in Smethport Wednesday.

J. M. McCarty of Smethport was a business visitor in town Monday.—Kane Republican.

Ex-Sheriff Walter Grabb and Sam Snyder of Bradford were in town on business last Friday.

Attorneys H. E. Shaffer and A. P. Hoyt of Kane were here on legal business Wednesday.

C. A. Lambert and H. Cohen of Port Allegany were taking in the sights of our town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sartwell of Eldred were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Sartwell over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKean and Miss Genevieve Stevenson visited Straight Creek friends over Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Howe of Bradford has been filling the position of court stenographer for a couple of days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Greer and daughter, Sarah, came down from Kane Saturday, Mrs. Greer and Sarah remaining a few days.

Rev. E. H. Latimer, presiding elder, will preside at his second Quarterly Conference at the Methodist Episcopal church this evening.

Alanson Bouton Walker of the University of Rochester has been spending a brief vacation at the parental home on King street. A number of the young people of the town gave him a surprise Tuesday evening. He returned to Rochester Wednesday afternoon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CLERMONT.

It is reported that A. Holgson, ex-general manager of the Independent Gas Co., and other capitalists of this place are about to erect a large blacksmith shop near the coal alley crossing, to be equipped with all the latest and improved machinery. This is an industry that Clermont has long needed and we all hope to see the good work go on.

The members of the M. E. congregation of this place are planning and making all necessary arrangements to erect a new church in the near future. The contemplated building will be located on High street on a lot donated by Miss Lyman of Rochester, which will be a beautiful location and will add greatly to the appearance of our town.

Justice Steinhauer, who is now located on his farm at Farmers Valley, was in town three days last week clearing up what suits remained on the dockets and looking after the welfare of our schoolmarms and business in general.

Carpenters are busy repairing the L. Steinhauer building on Pine street which was damaged by fire some time ago. J. S. McCarty & Co. expect to move back to their old stand as soon as repairs are completed.

It looks as though Clermont was to have a boom this spring, with the lumber on the grounds for new buildings and many more undergoing repairs at this early opening of the season.

The Independent Gas Co. claim to have made a sale of their large gas wells and all their gas territory, leases, etc., in Blomster hollow.

The Burton & Delmar Comedy Co. at the opera house Saturday evening, April 2. Reserved seat tickets on sale at L. Nusberg's.

David Schleiff and family took a pleasant drive and called on their many friends in Blomster hollow the forepart of the week.

Mac Windsor, the hustling trainman on the W. N. Y. & P., has moved his family into the house recently vacated by L. Steinhauer.

H. C. Warner and family of this place have been spending a ten days' vacation with relatives and friends at Farmers Valley.

Our supervisors should see that the sidewalk is repaired or removed before the town has a damage suit to settle.

Dan Yaper has signed articles to handle the throttle at the water works for one year.

Mrs. O. W. Dickinson is visiting relatives and friends at Limestone, N. Y., this week.

A. V. Harvey is making some extensive improvements on his farm this fine weather.

The marble season has opened with a great demand for marbles. Bob has them all.

Wm. Glass of the Clermont House and family are away on a short vacation.

Harry Wilcox of Smethport was in town between trains Monday.

Charley is laid out and Curt is on the extra, this week.

LARABEE.

Misses Bethy and Helen Burg came up from Eldred Saturday evening and spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nils Burg.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. W. H. Prentiss, who has been ill with rheumatism and la grippe, is convalescing.

Mrs. F. C. Crandall and daughter Cecil, and Miss Anna Berg are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Milford Wing in Olean.

E. H. Carpenter and Ed. Adams made a business trip to Turtle Point and Annis Creek Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cleveland of Farmersville, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Adams.

E. W. Hubbard of State Line was greeting friends in town Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Invson, residing at 722 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended [illegible] [illegible] Armstrong & [illegible]

[illegible]

45-tf [illegible]

When in Olean [illegible] a first-class meal for 25 cents call at the Penn Restaurant, 150 Union street.

[illegible] places for the sale of spirits [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] total abstainers [illegible] is always [illegible] discharged. [illegible] interest to the public, [illegible] attended with [illegible]. In such instances the person who made the mistake's [illegible] and his use of spirits (as the influence of the accident) is concealed from the public. Where gross carelessness and stupidity result in an accident among experienced trainmen, the use of alcohol is not unfrequently the real cause.

These men are not public drinkers and are known as temperate men, but after accidents it will appear that they have used spirits and probably carried it with them. There is another class of active responsible trainmen, whose long-tried service have given them reputation with the company, who unexpectedly make very serious mistakes in their ordinary work, which result in great disaster. Alcohol and its compounds are often at the bottom of these sudden failures. Want of ordinary caution and sudden boldness in assuming a great risk, failure to remember orders and faulty reasoning are the usual symptoms. The men fully recognize the danger of large doses, but are deluded with the idea that in certain circumstances small doses are necessary for their work. The fact is well known that the continuous strain and irregularity of railroad work soon wears on the brain and nervous system. No rules or restrictions can prevent an overworked and tired trainman from taking spirits from the traveling saloon on the train or the saloon at the station. Of course no one will see him, but his changed spirits and manner will tell the story. These are the men who make the mistakes from which accidents come. A tired brakeman took a glass of spirits and went back to flag an approaching train—fell asleep and a frightful disaster followed. An over-worked engineer after a glass of spirits at the station, failed to see the danger signal a few miles farther on and was killed in a frightful wreck. These and similar instances are repeated every year on nearly all the roads, only many of them simply involve the loss of property and are unnoticed.

Public places for the sale of spirits on trains and at stations, under the control of the company, may seem to be harmless, but the certainty of accident due directly and indirectly to them is beyond all question. It is an unwritten law of the saloon managers on trains and at stations that trainmen are to have spirits free at all times, on the pretense of their use as medicines.

No company can depend on the best judgment of its trusted trainmen as long as free spirits are carried around with them on the trains and are found at every station. A railroad dispatcher at a saloon station after a glass of spirits gave the wrong order. Ten lives and over a million of dollars were lost. The dispatcher suicided in grief at his mistake. The company received a thousand dollars a year for the rent of the saloon at the station. The long night runs on through trains furnish abundant illustration of the peril and unknown risks of trains which carry traveling saloons. To the companies it is a question of selfish interest. To the traveling public it is a question of personal peril. Every year accidents occur which are clearly preventable, and a growing public sentiment demands a better and safer means of transit. The saloon is always a source of danger in ways that are most unexpected. No one can tell how and when it may influence the brain capacity of the trainman. Obviously it should be divorced from railroad trains to demand that trainmen be free from exposure and be protected from every possible danger that will imperil their work and the lives of others. The trainmen themselves demand this protection and no company can be free from great losses due to this source except by this means.

T. D. CROTHERS, M. D.

W. C. T. U. Memorial Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Our Father has called to her heavenly home, Mrs. Mary Kent Curtis, thereby removing from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who for over ten years was one of its most valued members, and

WHEREAS, Through the removal our Union suffers deeply in the loss of our sister's approving sympathy in all forms of its work, of her [illegible] in face of difficulties and of her unfailing hope in the ultimate success of its undertakings; therefore

RESOLVED, That while our hearts are filled with sorrow, they may be filled with thanksgiving for the rich possession of a remembered life that will ever stimulate us to such faithfulness and zeal in promoting the interests of the cause that our departed sister loved so well; further,

RESOLVED, That we extend to the members of the bereaved family, also to the large circle of loving friends, our tender sympathy and our earnest prayers that they may receive in large measures divine sustenance and consolation.

AMELIA F. CHURCH,
JANE E. FORSYTHE,
SARAH A. SCULL.

Services in M. E. Church.

FROM PALM TO EASTER SUNDAY.

The following services will be held in the Methodist church under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Ira Taylor Walker, D. D.:

Sunday morning—9:00, Love Feast; 10:30, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with a brief address by the pastor.

Sunday evening—subject, "Jesus' Declaration to Martha, or the Glory of Faith."

Monday evening—7:30 subject, "Parables."

Tuesday evening—"Parables," continued.

Wednesday evening—"Our Lord's Last Prayer." (St. John 17th chap.)

Thursday evening—"The Passover Feast, Gethsemane, Betrayal and Arrest of our Lord."

Friday evening—"The Trial and Crucifixion of our Lord."

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles, it has cured me, and thank God I am saved and am now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

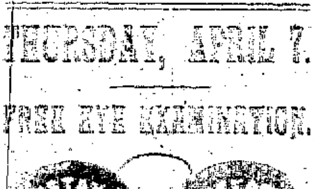
Ballard's Snow Liniment will Cure Neuralgia. It will also cure lame back, sore throat, wounds, sprains, bruises, cuts, old sores. Ladies, it will cure your backache. Sold by Chadwick's drug store.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

FREE EYE EXAMINATION.



Years Without Grief,

Do you need them?

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PROF. HOLLENBECK, [illegible]

Eye Specialist

[illegible]

M. L. ARMSTRONG.

[illegible] tonics, numerous extracts, bitter plasters and liniments, and is a permanent ingredient of all medicated spirits, most fluid extracts, some tinctures, [illegible], spirituous, a few infusions, [illegible], etc.

[illegible] experiments and observations [illegible] to determine the mode of [illegible] have too [illegible] doses rather [illegible] and [illegible] has arisen [illegible] depresses the animal [illegible] a daily experience [illegible] suggested the heat [illegible]. In febrile [illegible] that the close [illegible] would have been excessive [illegible] destruction of life, may, by limiting [illegible], tend to preserve the tissues upon which life depends. If, as is altogether probable, this effect is due to a power in alcohol of stimulating the congested nervous system, and thereby exciting the distended capillary blood vessels to contract, it is evident that less blood will reach the tissues, that less heat will be developed, and less waste of tissue result. This diminished waste is determined by the smaller amount of carbonic acid exhaled from the lungs and of urea excreted by the kidneys. Simanowsky has shown experimentally that alcohol diminishes tissue waste at least one-half. (Central. f. d. g. Therap., ii, 233, and Redlier) that it restrains perspiration due to debility (Deltsch. f. klin Med., xiii, 403.) These conclusions have been abundantly confirmed by Hohlbausky (Amer. Jour. Pharm. Gaz.) and Haeliert (Therap. Gaz., xiv, 73; University Med. Mag., ii, 658.) The special effect of alcohol in a given case depends upon its dose and upon the time during which it has been operating. The primary effect may be stimulating, and be indicated by an increased activity of cerebration; it corresponds to the turgescence and throbbing noted by Dr. M. P. Jacobi in her experiments [illegible] of exposed brain; but [illegible] is the very opposite of [illegible] by passive venous [illegible] that alcohol is [illegible] partly by lessening the [illegible] power of the [illegible] corpuscles. The use of alcohol in every age and by every nation in the world demonstrates that it satisfies a natural instinct, that it literally refreshes the system exhausted by physical or mental labor, and that it not only quickens the appetite for food and aids in its digestion, but that it spares the digestive organs by limiting the amount of solid food which would otherwise be required, while it relieves pain and disposes to sleep. But in accomplishing this salutary end it does not act as a mere condiment. It is also food, in this sense at least, that it offers itself in the blood as a substitute for the tissues which would otherwise be destroyed. "Alcohol," says Moleschott, "is the savings bank of the tissues. He who eats little and drinks alcohol in moderation retains as much in his blood and tissues as he who eats more and drinks no alcohol." It is certain that of any amount of alcohol ingested, not in excess of what the system requires, only a minute fraction can be recovered from any of the secretions; the remainder undergoes metamorphosis and is eliminated in a new form. The notion that alcohol is unassimilable, and is chiefly eliminated through the lungs, rested upon the familiar fact that all alcoholic beverages contain etheral elements which are so eliminated and thus infect the breath. But it results from the careful observations and experiments of Austie, Binz and others that alcohol is not exhaled by the lungs and skin or excreted with the urine unless the body be supersaturated with it. In that case it may be found in the blood, in exhaled serum, etc. These views which we have from time to time expressed have been amply confirmed by investigation and experience (e. g. Warren, Boston Jour., July, 1887, p. 1 and p. 25.) According to some experimenters a portion of alcohol in the blood is transformed into acetic acid, which forms acetates that are subsequently decomposed into water carbonic acid. The doctrine that alcohol is food is probably true, not only indirectly by its preventing tissue-waste, but in the more literal sense of its favoring the formation of fatty products, especially by increasing the amount of adipose tissue, and in a morbid sense by tending to produce fatty liver and kidney, gall-stones and atheroma. The practical value of alcohol as food has been illustrated by the experience of Arctic explorers. All of these conclusions have been so amply confirmed by a continuous succession of observers and experimenters as to leave no doubt of their correctness.

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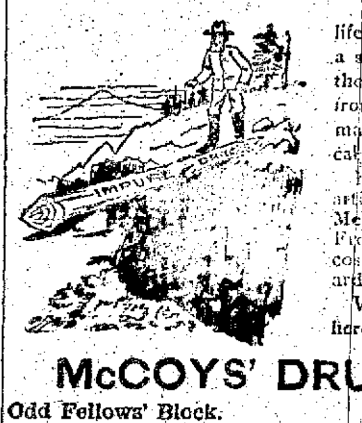

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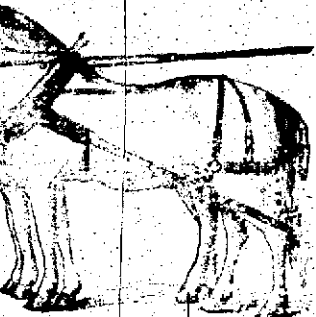

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[illegible] needed to suit their [illegible] and [illegible] in their compost and [illegible] their needs are varied. [illegible] lands and hay meadows require [illegible] treatment. Land deficient in [illegible] clay soil and sandy [illegible] upland and lowland, must each be [illegible] according to its needs. The [illegible] theory in fertilizing is this, [illegible] amounts of the essential [illegible], nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid, must be supplied at the time [illegible] needed and in an available or [illegible] form. Nitrogen is the most important and at the same time the most [illegible]. It is also the least stable, [illegible] should be applied only at [illegible] times as it is needed and in quantities no greater than can be used by the crop.

Except in the case of moist soils rich in lime, the use of too much nitrogen at one time is an extravagance, for the surplus rapidly leaches out or decomposes and passes into the air in the form of ammonia. There is a considerable amount of nitrogen in barnyard manure, and where this is available it is the best and often the cheapest source of nitrogen [illegible]. Other sources of nitrogen are ground bone and bonemeal, fish scrap, tankage, dried blood, bran, cottonseed meal and peanut meal, and that supplied by various clovers, vetches and [illegible] grown as green manurial and soiling crops. Nitrate of soda is often recommended for grass lands, but it is expensive and so readily soluble that a single hard rain may wash out in a few hours all that has been applied to the land. Bad results follow its use when too large an amount is applied. It has been found by experiment that an application of nitrate of soda does not have much influence on the total amount of nitrogen in a crop of clover or peas, so that in the case of either of these crops a heavy application of nitrogenous fertilizer is undesirable.

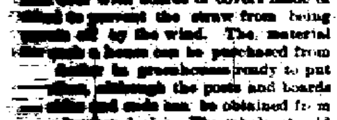
In growing hay for market bonemeal and tankage certainly increase the yield very materially. Ground bone is immediately valuable, not, as has been generally believed, for its content of phosphoric acid, but for its nitrogen, which is in such form that it becomes gradually available during several months and acts as a continuous stimulant to the growing crop. Cottonseed meal has much the same effect, and where it can be obtained at reasonable rates is a good substitute for bone. Tankage, fish scrap and dried blood are all rich in nitrogen and nearly approach bone and cottonseed meal in chemical composition and effect on the growing crop.

Phosphoric acid may be best applied as superphosphate or acid phosphate. Fertilizers containing potash are wood ashes, cotton hull ashes, kainit, potash salts and ground tobacco stalks. The best of these for grass lands are wood ashes, kainit and tobacco stalks. In a clay soil deficient in humus the surplus of either potash or phosphoric acid does not leach out in the same way as a surplus of nitrogen would, but enters into combination with the clay and is held for the benefit of future crops. Upon the addition of organic matter, lime or salt to the soil this surplus of potash and phosphorus is gradually broken down and is again transformed into available plant food.

In soils that consist of almost pure sand, with very little clay or organic matter intermixed, there must be frequent applications of small amounts of fertilizers, never putting on the field more than can be utilized by the crop before it has time to be washed and leached out of the soil. On such lands where it can be cheaply obtained crushed cotton seed from which the oil has not been extracted is better than cottonseed meal, the oil acting to retard the rotting of the seed and thus extending the period of usefulness of its nitrogen. The foregoing is from the pen of Jared G. Smith, assistant agrostologist, United States department of agriculture.

Plan For Hotbed.

A hotbed built on the following plan says The Rural Journal "will not require heat this spring if it is used for starting early vegetables, but it would require heat to grow them through the winter." This can be done by placing good fermenting manure around it on the sides to a depth of a couple of feet and about 20 inches in width. At night such a bed should be covered with straw



HOTBED FOR EARLY SPRING USE.

matting, made of good straw, covering together with boards or covers made of [illegible] to prevent the straw from being [illegible] off by the wind. The material [illegible] such a house can be purchased from [illegible] dealer in greenhouses ready to put [illegible] together, although the posts and boards [illegible] sills and ends can be obtained from [illegible] lumber dealer. The whole should [illegible] well-painted. The top is composed of 3 by 6 foot hotbed sash. There should be [illegible] across from side to side to prevent them from bulging out and letting [illegible] through on to the plants.

From Various Sources.

William E. Caldwell, Peterboro, N. [illegible] secretary of the American Cattle [illegible] reports a marked increase of interest in Guernseys.

The Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle club [illegible] be incorporated, application having been made for a charter.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts [illegible] of agriculture there was a potato [illegible] grown with this formula per [illegible]: Nitrate of soda, 300 pounds; plain [illegible], 400 pounds; sulphate [illegible] potash, 300 pounds; tankage, 340 [illegible]; dried blood, 1,000 pounds.

At the midyear meeting of the Vermont Horticultural society the old [illegible] were re-elected for another year [illegible] of South Hero president [illegible] of Burlington secretary.

[illegible]

[illegible] Liniment removes all [illegible] or callused lumps and [illegible] from horses, blood spavins, [illegible], sprains, ring-bone, stifles, [illegible] swollen throats, coughs, etc. [illegible] use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure [illegible]. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, [illegible] Smethport, Pa.

Two Millions a Year.

[illegible] buy and buy again, it means [illegible]. The people of the United [illegible] buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic [illegible] two million boxes a year and [illegible] three million before New Year's. It [illegible] proved that Cascarets are the [illegible] bowel regulator for everybody [illegible]. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c a [illegible] cure guaranteed.

[illegible], a great leap from the old fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous [illegible] to the pleasant little pills known [illegible] Little Early Risers. They [illegible] constipation, sick headache and biliousness. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

[illegible] Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of [illegible] City, Iowa, says: "I bought [illegible] bottle of Minute Cure for Rheumatism [illegible] two doses of it did me more [illegible] than any medicine I ever took." [illegible] A. B. Armstrong, Druggist.

[illegible] make a mistake. [illegible] Adolph Fisher of [illegible] suffered from piles. He [illegible] three boxes of De[Witt's Witch] Hazel Salve. A. B. Armstrong.

[illegible] on horses, [illegible] cured in 30 minutes [illegible] Lotion. This [illegible] A. B. Armstrong.

[illegible] the great [illegible] companion.

Story of a Drawing Pupil, a Schoolteacher and an Escaped Dog.

A drawing teacher in the upper regions of the borough of Manhattan tells me of a curious instance of what she calls the crescent freshness of the metropolitan youth. Tommy was the most incorrigible pupil in that particular room, making the half hour spent there daily one of mingled doubt and anguish of spirit to the drawing teacher. The other day Tommy was evidently engaged in some new form of mischief. His drawing pad lay upon the desk before him and his hands were hovering over it, now swooping down at one side of the paper, now at the other, as if corralling some unwilling ant or other insect seeking to escape.

"Tommy," said the drawing teacher suddenly and sharply, "what are you doing?"

"Nothin'," was Tommy's instant reply. Then he added, "Nothin but keepin this 'ere dawg from runnin away."

"What dog?" queried the drawing teacher. "I see no dog. What do you mean?"

"Course ye don't see no dawg," said Tommy, ceasing his gymnastics under her sharp glance and straightening up. "Yer too far away." The other scholars were all attention by this time, which was precisely what Tommy wanted, and he assumed a look of unsmiling innocence as he continued: "I drored a runnin dawg, not a standin still one, an I was a-headin 'im off so's he wouldn't run off th' tablet an git on th' floor."

The other children laughed uproariously at this, whereupon Tommy surveyed them with such an assumption of surprised indignation that their mirth was redoubled. The teacher was now genuinely angry. She was a matter of fact young woman to whom normal school methods were both law and gospel, and here was a flagrant case of downright falsehood that must be exposed as an awful example to the entire grade of pupils. She walked slowly and firmly down the aisle and picked up Tommy's tablet. The white sheet was unsullied by a single mark of any kind.

"Tommy," she said sternly, exhibiting the sheet to the pupils, "there isn't a dog or anything else here."

"Course there isn't," said the unabashed Tommy. "Wha'd I tell ye? Ye made me set up, an he got away. He was a greyhound, he was."—Town Topics.

Getting Ready.

Mr. Wiggles—I ordered two dinner sets sent home today, Maria.

Mrs. Wiggles—Two dinner sets! Why, Joshua Wiggles, are you crazy? What in the world do we want of two more dinner sets?

Mr. Wiggles—Why, didn't you tell me yesterday that you were going away next week to be gone a month? I want to have dishes enough in the house so that I won't have to wash any while you are away.—Somerville Journal.

His Beginning.

The wild young man decides to settle down and become serious. To begin his reform he has counted up his debts and found the total 145,017 francs 35 centimes.

"What are you going to do about it?" asked his friend.

"Pay the 17 francs and 35 centimes at once and make arrangements for the rest."—Gaulois.

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It doesn't pay to let this account run on and have it debited with indigestion, and then impure blood, and finally nervous exhaustion, or prostration, or deadly consumption. When these diseases come it means a debit balance with death brought down in the blood red ink of another life sacrificed on the altar of foolish overwork and neglect of health. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the appetite keen, the digestion perfect, the liver active and the blood pure. It is the great blood-maker, flesh-builder and health-forger. It makes firm, healthy flesh, but does not produce corpulence or raise the weight above nature's normal. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption, bronchial, throat and catarrhal affections. Honest dealers don't urge substitutes.

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Finances of McKean County

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January Second, 1898.

T. B. CLARK, Treasurer of McKean County, in account with the different funds of said county for said year.

COUNTY FUNDS.

Dr.		
To amount due last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To amount license collected	[illegible]	
To amount transferred from dog fund	1400 00	
To amount transferred from bridge fund	[illegible]	
To amount loan received	[illegible]	
To amount received of J. F. Davis, Sheriff	[illegible]	
To amount since tax returned	176 44	
To amount charged Treasurer by county commissioners	[illegible]	
To amount unseated tax and interest collected	[illegible]	
To amount seated tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount State tax collected	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]	
By County Institute Expenses	[illegible]	
By Bradford City Institute Expenses	[illegible]	
By Treasurer's commission on [illegible] at 1½ per cent	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

DOG FUND.

Dr.		
To amount due last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To amount dog tax collected	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
By amount transferred to county fund	1400 00	
By amount orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]	
By amount commission on [illegible] at 1½ per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

BRIDGE BOND FUND.

Dr.		
To balance due last auditors' report	713 [illegible]	
To amount [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
By amount transferred to county fund	[illegible]	
By amount paid on bonds	[illegible]	
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]	
By commission on [illegible] at 1½ per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

REDEMPTION FUND.

Dr.		
To balance due last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To redemption received	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
By redemption paid, 1 to 4	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

POOR FUND.

Dr.		
To amount due fund last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To amount transferred from poor bond fund	[illegible]	
To amount transferred from building fund	[illegible]	
To amount unseated tax and interest collected	[illegible]	
To amount seated tax collected 1897	[illegible]	
To amount building tax collected 1897	[illegible]	
To amount bond tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount charged Treasurer by Co. Com'rs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	[illegible]	
By commission on [illegible] at 1½ per cent.	[illegible]	
Balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

POOR BOND FUND.

Dr.		
To amount due fund last auditors' report	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
By amount transferred to poor fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

POOR BUILDING FUND.

Dr.		
To amount due from last auditors' report	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cr.		
By amount transferred to poor fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

		Road	Road Bond	Special Road	School & Building	School Bond	Alms Tax
To amount due 1896	Dr.	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		
Unseated tax collected		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
By orders paid	Cr.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Treasurer's com. 1½ per cent		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Balance due fund		[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP. CERES TOWNSHIP. CORYDON TOWNSHIP. ELDRED TOWNSHIP. FOSTER TOWNSHIP. HAMILTON TOWNSHIP. HAMLIN TOWNSHIP. KEATING TOWNSHIP. LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP. LIBERTY TOWNSHIP. NORWICH TOWNSHIP. OTTO TOWNSHIP. SERGEANT TOWNSHIP. WETMORE TOWNSHIP. SMETHPORT BOROUGH. ELDRED BOROUGH.

[illegible]

MT. JEWETT BOROUGH.

Tax and license collected	Dr.		242 00	[illegible]
Orders paid	Cr.		[illegible]	
Balance due fund			[illegible]	[illegible]

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH.

To amount due 1896	Dr.	4 06	[illegible]	
Tax and license collected			[illegible]	3 91
Orders paid	Cr.		[illegible]	
Treasurer's commission			[illegible]	
Balance due fund		4 06	1 94	3 91

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff of McKean County, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending January second, 1898.

	Dr.	
To received on account	$ [illegible]	
To fines collected	[illegible]	
To commonwealth costs collected	[illegible]	
To quarter sessions jury fees	[illegible]	
To common pleas jury fees	[illegible]	
To turnkey's wages	[illegible]	
Balance due Sheriff Davis	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
By reports to State board of charities	[illegible]	
By publishing election proclamation	[illegible]	
By 5 per cent on $[illegible], fines collected	[illegible]	
By taking prisoners to penitentiary	[illegible]	
By drawing and summoning jurors, return of venires	[illegible]	
By [illegible]	[illegible]	
By board of prisoners to Jan. 2d, 1898	[illegible]	[illegible]

E. E. SHERMAN, Coroner of McKean County, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending January second, 1898.

	Dr.	
To orders drawn on account	$ [illegible]	
Balance due coroner	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
By balance due 1896	[illegible]	
By inquests, mileage and jury fees	[illegible]	[illegible]

W. A. YOUNG, T. F. HUNGIVILLE and LEMUEL DAVIS, Commissioners of McKean County, in account with the said county for the fiscal year year ending January second, 1898.

W. A. YOUNG.

	Cr.	
By [illegible] days at $3.50 per day	$ [illegible]	[illegible]
	Dr.	
To orders drawn on account	[illegible]	
Balance due W. A. Young	[illegible]	[illegible]

T. F. HUNGIVILLE.

	Cr.	
By [illegible] days at $3.50 per day	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Dr.	
To orders drawn on account	[illegible]	
To balance due county last auditors' report	[illegible]	
Balance due T. F. Hungiville	[illegible]	[illegible]

LEMUEL DAVIS.

	Cr.	
By [illegible] days at $3.50 per day	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Dr.	
To orders drawn on account	[illegible]	
Balance due Lemuel Davis	[illegible]	[illegible]

W. A. YOUNG, T. F. HUNGIVILLE and LEMUEL DAVIS, Directors of the McKean County Poor District, in account with the said Poor District for the fiscal year ending January second, 1898.

W. A. YOUNG.

	Cr.	
By [illegible] days' service at $3.50 per day	$ [illegible]	[illegible]
	Dr.	
To orders drawn on account	[illegible]	
Balance due W. A. Young	[illegible]	[illegible]

T. F. HUNGIVILLE.

	Cr.	
By [illegible] days' service at $3.50 per day	[illegible]	
By balance due last auditors' report	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Dr.	
To amount of orders drawn	[illegible]	
Balance due T. F. Hungiville	[illegible]	[illegible]

LEMUEL DAVIS.

	Cr.	
By [illegible] days' services at $3.50 per day	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Dr.	
To amount orders drawn on account	[illegible]	
Balance due Lemuel Davis	[illegible]	[illegible]

RECEIPTS OF McKEAN COUNTY.

To amount in Treasury Jan'y 4, 1897	[illegible]	
To amount received liquor licenses	[illegible]	
To amount transferred from dog fund	[illegible]	
To amount transferred from bridge fund	[illegible]	
To amount loan collected	[illegible]	
To amount received of J. F. Davis, sheriff	[illegible]	
To amount ⅔ of [illegible], alien tax	[illegible]	
To amount received from various sources by com'rs	[illegible]	
To amount unseated tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount seated tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount State tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount received from bridge bonds, less transferral to county	[illegible]	
To amount bridge bond tax collected	[illegible]	[illegible]

EXPENDITURES OF McKEAN COUNTY.

Paid W. A. Young, commissioner	[illegible]	
Paid Lemuel Davis, commissioner	[illegible]	
Paid T. F. Hungiville, commissioner	[illegible]	
Paid Sheldon Jewett, ex-commissioner	[illegible]	
Paid F. L. Foster, ex-commissioner	[illegible]	
Paid S. D. Weaver, commissioners' clerk, and assistants	[illegible]	
Paid T. F. Richmond, commissioners' attorney	[illegible]	
Paid prothonotary fees	[illegible]	
Paid quarantine officers	[illegible]	
Paid traveling expenses	[illegible]	
Paid physician quarantine	[illegible]	
Paid laundry	[illegible]	
Paid H. [illegible], chief of police, reward	[illegible]	
Paid miscellaneous items	[illegible]	
Paid J. F. Davis, sheriff, as adjusted	[illegible]	
Paid A. H. Walker, ex-sheriff	[illegible]	
Paid State taxes	[illegible]	
Paid county auditors	[illegible]	
Paid jury commissioners and clerk	[illegible]	
Paid [illegible], justice	[illegible]	
Paid constables' returns	[illegible]	
Paid [illegible]	[illegible]	
Paid court stenographer	[illegible]	
Paid court crier and tipstaves	[illegible]	
Paid commonwealth costs	[illegible]	
Paid taxes refunded	[illegible]	
Paid [illegible]	[illegible]	
Paid "Pennsylvania" Reform School	[illegible]	
Paid [illegible]	[illegible]	
Paid assessors for assessing	[illegible]	
Paid assessors for registering	[illegible]	
Paid [illegible]	[illegible]	
Paid jail, supplies, repairs and [illegible]	[illegible]	
Paid [illegible]	[illegible]	
Paid [illegible]	[illegible]	
Paid Western Penitentiary	[illegible]	
Paid publishing and printing	[illegible]	
Paid road views and damages	[illegible]	
Paid freight, express, telegrams and postage	[illegible]	
Paid insurance on court house and jail	[illegible]	
Paid fuel and lights	[illegible]	
Paid court house expense, repairs, etc.	[illegible]	
Paid coroner's inquests	[illegible]	
Paid indigent soldiers' burial expenses	[illegible]	
Paid books and stationery	[illegible]	
Paid bridge expenses	[illegible]	
Paid water for jail	[illegible]	
Paid superintendents of schools	[illegible]	
Paid B. S. Hayo auditing prothonotary's account	[illegible]	
Paid H. L. Horton, auditors' attorney	[illegible]	
Paid interest on bridge bond	[illegible]	
Paid Treasurer's commission on [illegible] at 1½ per cent	[illegible]	
Paid Treasurer's commission on [illegible] at ½ per cent	[illegible]	
Paid balance due county fund	[illegible]	
Paid balance due bridge fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
Less an outstanding order claimed to be lost	10 00	10 00

RECEIPTS OF POOR FUND.

To amount due fund last auditors' report	$ [illegible]	
To amount transferred from poor building fund	[illegible]	
To amount transferred from poor building bond fund	[illegible]	
To amount unseated poor tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount seated poor tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount poor bond tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount poor building tax collected	[illegible]	
To amount received from various sources	[illegible]	[illegible]

EXPENDITURES OF POOR FUND.

By amount paid W. A. Young commissioner	[illegible]	
By amount paid Lemuel Davis, commissioner	[illegible]	
By amount paid T. F. Hungiville, commissioner	[illegible]	
By amount paid S. D. Weaver, commissioners' clerk	[illegible]	
By amount paid T. F. Richmond, commissioners' att'y	[illegible]	
By amount paid Sheldon Jewett, ex-commissioner	[illegible]	
By amount paid outside relief	[illegible]	
By amount paid county auditors	[illegible]	
By amount paid State asylums	[illegible]	
By amount paid care of feeble minded children	[illegible]	
By amount paid justices' fees, orders relief, etc.	[illegible]	
By amount paid extra expense	[illegible]	
By amount paid salary Supt. Bunn	[illegible]	
By amount paid traveling expenses	[illegible]	
By amount paid taxes refunded	[illegible]	
By amount paid physicians, lunacy	[illegible]	
By amount paid provisions	[illegible]	
By amount paid clothing	[illegible]	
By amount paid furniture	[illegible]	
By amount paid Dr. Burg Chadwick, poor house physician	[illegible]	
By amount paid medicine and supplies	[illegible]	
By amount paid publishing and printing	[illegible]	
By amount paid freight, express, telegrams and postage	[illegible]	
By amount paid insurance	[illegible]	
By amount paid fuel and lights	[illegible]	
By amount paid building and improvements	[illegible]	
By amount paid ordinary repairs	[illegible]	
By amount paid books and stationery	[illegible]	
By amount paid farm expenses	[illegible]	
By amount paid salaries on farm	[illegible]	
By amount paid tobacco	[illegible]	
By amount paid furnishings	[illegible]	
By amount paid blacksmithing	[illegible]	
By amount paid miscellaneous	[illegible]	
By amount paid A. L. Wilcox, on settlement of poor farm	[illegible]	
By amount paid Treasurer's commission on [illegible] at 1½ per cent	[illegible]	
To amount balance in fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

COUNTY ASSETS.

Amount from seated tax collected	[illegible]	
Amount due state fund from collectors	[illegible]	
Amount due dog fund from collectors	[illegible]	
Amount due county fund from unseated tax 1896	[illegible]	
Amount due county fund from unseated tax 1897	[illegible]	
Amount due Treasurer from dog to county fund	[illegible]	
Amount due county fund, ⅔ State tax (estimated)	[illegible]	
Amount due county funds in treasury	[illegible]	[illegible]

COUNTY LIABILITIES.

Commonwealth costs (estimated)	[illegible]	
Outstanding indebtedness, sundry items (estimated)	[illegible]	
State tax	[illegible]	
Western Penitentiary	[illegible]	
Penna. Industrial Reformatory	[illegible]	
Assets in excess of liabilities	[illegible]	[illegible]

POOR ASSETS.

Amount due poor fund from collectors (seated tax)	[illegible]	
Amount due poor fund from unseated tax 1896	[illegible]	
Amount due poor fund from unseated tax 1897	[illegible]	
Amount due from Bradford city poor district	[illegible]	
Amount due poor fund from various sources (estimated)	[illegible]	
Amount due transferrable from poor bond fund	[illegible]	
Amount due transferrable from poor building fund	[illegible]	
Amount funds in treasury	[illegible]	[illegible]

POOR LIABILITIES.

Sundry unpaid bills (estimated)	[illegible]	
Assets in excess of liabilities	[illegible]	[illegible]

STATEMENT

Showing the cost of keeping each inmate per week at the poor house for the fiscal year ending January 2nd, 1898.

Total cost of keeping inmates [illegible] $[illegible]

Boarding inmates [illegible] days or [illegible] weeks at $[illegible] per week [illegible]

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of McKean county and McKean County Poor District, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures, and statement of assets and liabilities, are correct and true.

LEMUEL DAVIS,
T. F. HUNGIVILLE, } Commissioners.
W. A. YOUNG,

Attest: S. D. WEAVER,
Clerk.

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Notice is hereby given that agreeably to the Act of Assembly passed 13th day of March, 1815, entitled "An Act to amend an Act directing the mode of selling Unseated Land for Taxes, and other purposes," the following tracts of Unseated Lands in McKean county will be exposed to public sale or outcry for arrearage of taxes in the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, Pennsylvania, on

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1898.

At 10 o'clock a. m., unless sooner paid, and the money for which land will be sold must be paid at the time of sale, otherwise said land will be sold again, and in no case will a deed be given unless the above conditions are complied with.

Notice is also given that in compliance with the Act of Assembly passed the 9th day of April, 1897, entitled "An Act to regulate the collection of taxes on Unseated Lands," there will be charged interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on taxes of 1896 from January 1, 1897, and on taxes of 1897 from January 1, 1898, until date of payment of same. See P. L., 1897, page 363.

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]	235	60	Pat Hughes	$ 5 22
[illegible]		244¾	J. A. Sampson & Co.	32 04
[illegible]	372	24	do	1 56
[illegible]	393	76	C. A. Dolley	7 01
[illegible]		49½	do	6 49
[illegible]		150	do	17 05
[illegible]		100	do	13 10
[illegible]	230	50	do	3 07
[illegible]	469	217	F. H. Arnold and Dolley	13 49
[illegible]		76	Terrance Driscoll	12 00
[illegible]	203	85	Eugene Mullin	5 00
[illegible]	376	62	Amelia A. Hoff	6 02
2145	211	38	C. W. Burr	7 25
[illegible]		51	Etta Chase	2 92
[illegible]	380	81	do	2 60
[illegible]	242	25	Burdette Bray	3 28
[illegible]	294	42½	Ed Davis	2 83
[illegible]		91½	John Kelliher	5 09
[illegible]		91½	George Champlin	6 12
[illegible]		60	James Riley	7 86
[illegible]		63	Judson Riley	7 86
[illegible]	258	41	John Riley	5 32
[illegible]		50	J. C. Goding	5 45
3445	337	250	do	32 14
[illegible]		10	do	1 37
[illegible]	316	16½	Ira Tubbs	1 11
[illegible]		42	James Hooley	2 74
[illegible]		25	do	1 64
[illegible]	132	41	J. C. Goding	4 05
[illegible]	193	21	W. L. Lillibridge	2 74
[illegible]	270	94½	A. N. Lillibridge	4 68
[illegible]	227	98	do	12 83
[illegible]	163	408	do	26 73
[illegible]		25	Hamlin, Hamlin & Forrest	3 28
3150		112	H. S. Baker and M. A. Lillibridge	19 31
[illegible]		285	do	33 95
[illegible]		50	M. A. Lillibridge	4 92
[illegible]		50	J. J. McCarey	3 45
[illegible]		67	do	2 31
[illegible]		37	Miss H. D. Helwig	2 28
[illegible]		45	John Munn	3 11
[illegible]	237	60	V. R. Vanderhule	1 86
[illegible]		30	James H. Harkens	2 07
[illegible]	262	21 7-10	Mrs. C. A. Taylor	2 83
[illegible]	265	25	Pat Dunn	3 28
[illegible]	256	73	Eugene McCarey	5 34
115		112	W. S. Brownell	7 73
[illegible]	220	30	A. N. Lillibridge	2 07
[illegible]	374	15	J. E. Mullin	52
[illegible]		20	Par B. Anderson	1 38

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED LIST.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]	393	42	L. C. Bridge	9 55
[illegible]	364	61	James Greer	4 27
[illegible]		2½	U. S. G. McDougal	1 57
2218		62	James Proctor	11 55
		66	Roberts & Howard	6 11
[illegible]		53	Albert Sage	10 76
[illegible]		3	D. L. Tate	1 58
15		1	Mrs. Thos. Conolly	85

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]	47	36 1-10	T. W. Sixer	5 57
[illegible]		45	Unknown	6 98
[illegible]		81	E. Parsons	3 32
[illegible]	235	38	do	19 92
[illegible]		139	H. S. Baker	22 40
[illegible]		20	do	3 10
[illegible]		60	David Garfingle	9 65
[illegible]		2	Monnihan & Baker	47
[illegible]	30, 58, 29, 63.	206	W. S. Weed & Co.	31 92
[illegible]		57 1-10	Horace Little	15 32
[illegible]	E. ½ N. ½	604	J. E. Mullin	35 06
[illegible]		604	P. B. Anderson	33 56

BRADFORD CITY—FIFTH WARD.

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED LIST.

Property	Owner	Tax
2 lots 50, 52 Cottage Row	H. A. Campbell	1 67
1 lot, 162 Cottage Row	Sam Cleveland	75
1 lot, 22 Rochester st.	Mary Coulon	50
1 lot, Hillside Ave.	John Downey	25
1 lot, 16 Brennan St.	John Green	25
1 lot, 58 E. Main St.	R. F. Howland	2 50
1 lot, 5 Hill st.	Mrs. L. A. Hancock	50
1 lot, 125 Cottage Row	Mrs. E. Johnson	60
1 lot, 132 E. Main st.	Michael Kerr	75
1 lot, Hillside Ave.	A. E. Laurance	25
1 lot, 79 Rochester St.	Mrs. Sarah Mullin	68
1 lot, 41 Brennan St.	H. C. Murray	1 56
1 lot, Rochester st.	A. W. Newell	88
1 lot, 21 High St.	Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Rhodes	31
1 lot, 97 E. Main st.	Geo. L. Ward	63
1 lot, 57 High st.	W. H. Rich	2 00
1 lot, 160, 50x100 feet	Mrs. John Allen	50
1 lot, 50x100 feet	F. F. Lingenfelter	25
1 lot, 50x100 feet	F. L. McElroy	50
1 lot, 100x100 feet	Jno. J. Moriarity	50
1 lot, 62, 50x100 feet	Lilly S. Keddleh	35

CORYDON TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		1040	H. A. Jamison	93 00
[illegible]		980	S. R. Morrison	94 22
[illegible]		600	Harry Remus	56 00
[illegible]		1080	do	132 00
[illegible]		1040	do	396 00
[illegible]		317	Weed & Co.	25 15
[illegible]		1000	do	55 00
[illegible]		790	do	49 14
[illegible]		675	do	41 97
[illegible]		1000	do	66 00
[illegible]		332	do	20 71
[illegible]		983	do	57 81
[illegible]		1000	do	66 00
[illegible]		1043	do	68 86
[illegible]		500	do	29 08
[illegible]		500	Elias Eyster	33 00
11		250	Persia Crandall	30 00
[illegible]		22	L. B. Prosser	1 32
[illegible]		1167	M. A. Lillibridge	79 00
[illegible]	N. ½	521	H. S. Baker	14 63
[illegible]		995	L. R. Morrison	233 88
[illegible]		46	H. A. Cartwright	12 48
[illegible]		50	A. J. Pentecost	1 80
6		457	Wm. Duke	16 48
[illegible]		60	C. H. Foster	17 28
[illegible]		1604	P. B. Anderson	36 00
[illegible]		221	Mrs. R. T. Hotchkiss	42 31
12		255	Effie D. French	20 60

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED LIST.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		5	H. A. Jamison	29 23
[illegible]		5	do	65
[illegible]		10	Woods Bros.	24 05
[illegible]		49½	Clark Chamberlin	2 47
[illegible]		50	G. E. Friedenburg	5 37
[illegible]		25	Unknown	3 51
[illegible]		10	Penn Tanning Co.	25 40

CERES TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
		73	E. D. Loveridge	6 10
[illegible]		51	C. B. Carey	2 37
		11	Hamilton, Hamilton & Forrest	1 43
		16	do	4 28
		66	Weston Bros	84 00
		25	do	12 45
[illegible]	631	146	John Godding	15 20
		48	F. H. Raymond	4 01
[illegible]		43	A. M. Benton Estate	1 79
[illegible]	94	50	John Murphy	2 05
		83	Patrick McGavick	3 42
[illegible]	N end 149, S end 331	14	M. C. Roberts	3 44
[illegible]	12	15	do	63
[illegible]		26	B. E. Brasee	1 93
[illegible]	287	94	W. D. Cleveland	12 44
[illegible]	331	66	J. A. Dibble	10 68
		47	Esther Wells Est	3 21
		60	J. C. Godding	4 07
		60	Jno. J. Roberts	3 42
		6	do	41
		6	do	41
[illegible]		60	S. J. Carlson	4 07

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED LIST.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
		65	H. D. Ault	13 37
		20	W. L. Chrisman	2 25
[illegible]	166, 105	452	L. D. Champlain	43 93
		½	David Kibbe	2 43
		93	Lamphere & Williams	13 63
		50	Susan Morse Est	5 47
2215	480	79	Tim Splain	8 09
		25	Sam Short	5 35
		5	John Wilcox	78
[illegible]	656	46	Oscar Curren	2 25
[illegible]		50	L. M. Cleveland	6 00
[illegible]		60	J. A. Dibble	5 30
[illegible]		74	F. J. Peters	12 82
[illegible]		50	N. J. Zeck	2 50

ELDRED TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
		445	W. K. King	21 16
		25	do	1 75
[illegible]	224	50	L. S. Shattuck	2 60
		9	R. S. Bellis	8 68
		68	A. M. Benton Est	4 77
		25	Wm. Golden	1 04
		25	Thos. McGery	2 00
		150	W. S. Brownell	6 55
		170	Erwin & E. N. Carpenter	6 25
		25	B. D. Hamlin	93
525		70	Patrick Golden	6 44

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
		9	Patterson, Wright & Merritt	68
		6	R. W. Rice	60
		25	Geo. W. Windsor	3 71
		1	Bert Moses	33
		57	H. C. Rice	9 07
		60	W. G. Smith	6 29

ELDRED BOROUGH.

Property	Owner	Tax
Lot	Sam Pendleton	1 63
House & lot	Henry Clark	1 54

FOSTER TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		25	E. H. Cook	2 00
[illegible]		25	C. D. McKune	3 82
[illegible]		25	Mrs. J. Mazlin	24 00
[illegible]		1100	W. S. Weed & Co.	182 60
[illegible]		15	Mrs Kane	2 49
[illegible]		240	C. H. Foster	8 86
[illegible]		56	do	2 00
[illegible]		469½	L. D. Wetmore	18 80
[illegible]		75	do	5 01

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		52½	Corwin & Vickery	9 80

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]	10	164	Wm. Field Est.	7 80
[illegible]		187	John Stenstrom Est.	11 82
[illegible]		186	Wm. Heiserstine	41 52
[illegible]		31½	Ira Warne	9 26
[illegible]		45	M. B. Warne	2 36
[illegible]		44	Field & Sparks	4 72
[illegible]		197	B. D. Kane	31 32
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	E. K. Kane	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do of a mineral	19 74
[illegible]		100	G. W. Campbell	8 [illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	Brewer & Mollander, Cartiance	20 10
		86	Abner Colard	4 74
		50	A. Anderson	15 [illegible]
		152	T. C. Walsman	50 61
		551	Palmer & Son	112 74
		150	James Doyle	46 [illegible]
		503	do	52 [illegible]
		490	do	[illegible]
		56	Robert Haley	25 79
		196	W. H. Sanger	35 [illegible]
		247¼	C. C. Allen	12 [illegible]
		232	N. F. Lanis	47
		47	do	1 82
		157	B. A. Warks Est.	1 91
		441½	D. M. Hossler	3 48
[illegible]	231	16	E. K. Kane	24 81
		725	do	18 49
		152	do	19 54
[illegible]	260	221	E. D. Kane	19 54
[illegible]	241	8 4-10	do	9 81
		21	do	1 85
		600	do	177 9[illegible]
[illegible]	9	24½	do	2 [illegible]
		20	do	11 58
[illegible]	205	60	Evan O'N. Kane	6 60
[illegible]	205	315	E. K. Kane	25 25
[illegible]	255	100	do	5 85
		100	James H. Percival	7 86
		96	J. E. E. White	10 52
[illegible]	19	30	Mrs. C. W. Holmburg	1 17
		247½	G. L. Watson	26 81
[illegible]	38, 51	50	A. J. Anderson	3 96
		283¼	J. W. Mellander	1 14

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]	45	24	W. W. Brewer	2 96
[illegible]	53	50	Peter Longfelt	6 21
		94	Wilbur Irons	12 71

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
4013		525	N. Y. & Penna. Lumber Co	30 51
[illegible]	125	225	do	15 66
[illegible]	127	222	do	15 66
[illegible]	123	225	do	12 86
[illegible]		1043	do	645 80
[illegible]		813	do	519 39
[illegible]	131	223	do	15 60
[illegible]	132	220	do	15 30
[illegible]	134	112½	do	7 87
[illegible]	135	225	do	15 60
[illegible]	141	150	do	10 45
[illegible]		704½	Mrs. M. A. Backus & Wm. Blew	312 16
[illegible]		350	J. Bean	24 33
[illegible]		503	Weed & Co.	31 47
[illegible]		165	do	11 49
[illegible]	90	75	O. D. Coleman	5 24
[illegible]	91	75	do	5 21
[illegible]		24½	W. W. Cheney	29 43
[illegible]	92	225	do	15 60
[illegible]	120	50	T. C. Green	2 10
[illegible]	118	225	W. F. Anderson	15 60
[illegible]	147	210	F. Buttman	14 60
[illegible]	177	225	James Taylor Est	15 60
[illegible]	178	225	John McNair & Co.	101 25
[illegible]	295	225	do	15 60
[illegible]	316	112½	do	7 87
[illegible]	298	112½	Thos. Keeler	7 87
[illegible]	309	112½	do	7 87
[illegible]	310	112½	Sarah Ennis	7 87
[illegible]		200	S. Petton	13 99
[illegible]		100	S. S. Sherman	6 95
[illegible]	187	37½	L. Vance	2 62
[illegible]		200	W. D. Bowen	13 90
[illegible]		100	C. Gullman	6 95
[illegible]		75	Julia A. English & J. Gibbs	5 21
State Patent		175	H. K. Brown	11 57
[illegible]	83	225	C. W. & R. Hadeker	46 91
[illegible]	56	20	Maisie & Morels	4 17
[illegible]		70	Mrs. P. E. Halleck	43 40
[illegible]		85	Layton Strong	7 91
[illegible]	137	225	Penn Tanning Co.	125 24
[illegible]	65	112½	Anne Halleck	3 51
[illegible]	66	25	G. H. Hatfield	62
[illegible]	191	225	G. Pott	6 18
[illegible]	149	223	Campbell & Bartholomew	6 98
[illegible]	217	112½	J. F. Watson	5 51
Morrison tract		40	M. Mead	1 65
		37½	John Gibbs	1 48
		77	L. S. Strong	2 20
[illegible]	123	225	Par B. Anderson	6 98
		12	L. S. Strong	74
[illegible]	½ of	171½	W. J. Bartholomew	28
		125	John Rooney	5 43
		125	Morrison & Bartholomew	7 75
[illegible]	122	9	Porter & Co.	38

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]	122	1	James Leak	1 65
[illegible]		13	Mrs. S. L. Strong	2 25

KEATING TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
		404	Zimri West	223 10
[illegible]		190	do	80 40
[illegible]	262	70	H. & H. D. Hamlin	4 70
[illegible]	340	121	Oliver Irons	8 59
[illegible]	350	67½	do	4 50
[illegible]		300	Whitney, Greenwald & Hencom	15 40
[illegible]		119	John R. Chadwick	9 04
[illegible]		25	Russell, Droney & Kimball	5 04
[illegible]		67	Cogswell, Eaton & Gay	4 90
[illegible]	204	49	W. S. Brownell	1 30
[illegible]		25	W. S. Moore Est	82
[illegible]	Pt 271	9 4-10	P. C. Freeman	1 92
[illegible]	40	186 2-10	J. C. Backus Est	18 49
[illegible]		20	do	2 28
[illegible]		25	Conrad Herzog	75
[illegible]		40	Jas. & C. McKean	2 06
[illegible]		23	Devonian Oil Co. "Mineral"	13 60

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
		2½	Mrs. A. Schoonmaker	5 10
[illegible]		75	C. M. Harrington	5 15
[illegible]		22	Hugh Werner	6 02
[illegible]		77	Swan Johnson	17 73
[illegible]	245	26	Wm. M. Freeman Est.	10 16

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		97	Z. West	7 53
[illegible]		200	do	16 22
[illegible]		63	do	4 91
[illegible]		37	do	2 87
[illegible]	19	180	J. W. Brennan	14 07
[illegible]	10	100	J. M. Tait	7 77
[illegible]	7	70	do	5 43
[illegible]		75	W. S. Weed & Co.	11 64
[illegible]	1224 3-10		do	[illegible]
[illegible]		1225	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	12	178	do	27 64
[illegible]		489¾	do	75 90
[illegible]	8	353	do	55 00
[illegible]	2	158	do	20 16
[illegible]	21	176	do	27 30
[illegible]		176	do	27 30
[illegible]	3	100	A. Miller	15 52
[illegible]		127	Greenewald, Whitney & Buscom	19 70
[illegible]		150	do	22 01
[illegible]		52	John Hewett	8 06
[illegible]	7	76	Mrs. Z. L. King	72 63
[illegible]	104	80	J. C. Backus	6 21
[illegible]	55	75	L. L. & F. E. Hawkins	46 55
[illegible]		297	South Penn Oil Co.	229 30
[illegible]		5	R. J. Gates	20
[illegible]	10	178	do	13 82
[illegible]	10	50	W. H. Parkinson	3 88
[illegible]	4	90	do	6 98
[illegible]	6	45	do	3 44
[illegible]		160	J. Nove & Son	12 77
[illegible]	9	177 7-10	A. Keesler	6 81
[illegible]	25	25	Robt. Hose	11 04
[illegible]	86	10	J. E. Mullin	1 54

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
		10	W. J. McDougal	2 32
House and lot			Unknown	74
[illegible]		4	Johnson, Farrer & Truft	68
[illegible]		75	Oil Well Supply Co.	6 56
[illegible]	90, 92	54	Tim Sullivan	6 00

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		50	A. C. Holden	3 60
[illegible]		40	D. L. Sanford	2 40
[illegible]	290	97 3-10	Amelia Hough	5 00
[illegible]		1723	C. D. Marshall	103 31
[illegible]		1050	do	63 01
[illegible]		803	do	47 87
[illegible]		440	Goding Bros.	26 40
[illegible]	408	240	do	14 40
[illegible]	337	54	J. C. Goding	3 21
[illegible]		300	do	18 00
[illegible]	403	80	Geo. Quimby	4 80
[illegible]		53	Freeman & Ostrander	2 02
[illegible]		75	Albert Jordan	4 51
[illegible]		60	Kenon Hanlon	3 60
[illegible]	121	22½	W. R. King	2 71
[illegible]	122	13½	do	1 61
[illegible]		50	Peter Fay, Jr.	1 60
[illegible]	235	57	Alva Hoskins	3 61
[illegible]		134	J. R. & Wm. Yanakkles	10 07
[illegible]		51	Frank Thomas	1 77
[illegible]	330	17	F. H. Goodyear	1 01
[illegible]	337	366	do	21 96
[illegible]		202	Chas. Moore	12 11
[illegible]	333, 170	19	Lucenia Rice	1 15
[illegible]	54	307	F. H. Arnold Est.	8 59
[illegible]		85	do	2 85
[illegible]		67	do	2 43
[illegible]		33	do	29
[illegible]		40	do	3 56
[illegible]		51	do	1 45
[illegible]		187	Amelia Ingraham	5 03
[illegible]	348	160	Arnold & Howley	2 80
[illegible]	340, 349	359	do	10 89
[illegible]	205	177	W. S. Brownell	4 85
[illegible]	381	14½	do	42
[illegible]	376	1263	E. P. Dalrymple	70 84
[illegible]	400	26	C. A. Dolley	6 73
[illegible]		10	Laura Clark	56
[illegible]	406	217	Arnold, E. E. & C. A. Dolley	12 15
[illegible]	360	91	Etta Chase	2 35
[illegible]	336	84	do	2 36
[illegible]		100	Hiram Lyman	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	Chas. D. Marshall	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		20	J. C. Backus	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	Emery Johnson	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	F. M. & C. W. Goodyear	[illegible]
[illegible]		1168	Ad'm P. Dalrymple	[illegible]
[illegible]		111	J. C. Goding	[illegible]
[illegible]		50	Geo. B. Ward	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		24	Henry Evans	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	Henry C. Crawford	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	17	8	Crosby Lumber Co.	[illegible]
[illegible]	101	100	W. S. Williams	[illegible]
[illegible]		75	O. D. Gallup	[illegible]
[illegible]		103	E. B. Dolley	[illegible]

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		91	C. D. Smith	[illegible]

NORWICH TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]	16	272	E. K. Greeley	1 20
[illegible]	16	222	Wm. Hackenbury	14 98
[illegible]	16	131	do	9 05
[illegible]	15	411	do	21 39
[illegible]	15	96	do	4 97
[illegible]		306	do	21 01
[illegible]		245	do	12 74
[illegible]		830	do	43 24
[illegible]		356	do	18 76
[illegible]	78	21	W. P. Rowley	1 11
[illegible]	81	135	do	7 00
[illegible]	92	11	do	58
[illegible]	106	21	do	1 00
[illegible]		25	W. J. Colegrove	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	A. C. White	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	A. L. Tiles	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	H. Hurd	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	S. Bailey	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	E. R. Brainard	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	E. C. Kellog	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	A. A. Jerome	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	F. L. K & J. B. [illegible]	[illegible]

OTTO TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]	315	72½	Sanderson & Baker	[illegible]
[illegible]	371	56	O. S. Grow	[illegible]
[illegible]	314	55	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		46	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		55	Rock & Rowe	[illegible]
[illegible]	340	57	Bent Banker Est	[illegible]
[illegible]	303	31	H. & H. D. Hamlin	[illegible]
[illegible]	24	34	H. Dean & Co.	[illegible]
[illegible]		160	Cobb, Chase & Coit	[illegible]

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
		36	W. A. McDonald	[illegible]
		4	Bartlett & Smith	[illegible]
[illegible]		30	South Penn Oil Co.	[illegible]

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH.

RETURNED FROM SEATED.

1 lot, Mill St., Mrs. Roxey King [illegible]

SERGEANT TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		41	Mrable & Dickson	[illegible]
[illegible]		66	F. A. Mellander	[illegible]
[illegible]		25	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		27	John B. Swanson	[illegible]
[illegible]		50	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		258	G. H. Boyd	[illegible]
[illegible]		200	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		844	Lands of trustees	[illegible]
[illegible]		470	F. Leitinge	[illegible]
[illegible]		501	T. L. Kane	[illegible]
[illegible]		790	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		50	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		100	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	51	100	J. C. Backus	[illegible]
[illegible]		720	Jas. Stull	[illegible]
[illegible]	102	75	Jno. O. Parry	[illegible]
[illegible]		500	Penn Chemical Co.	[illegible]
[illegible]		900	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		410	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		75	H. L. Howard	[illegible]
[illegible]		40	W. S. Brownell	[illegible]

SMETHPORT BOROUGH.

RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Out lot, 15, H. Cleveland [illegible]

Sq. 81, lot, 3, G. & E. L. Willink [illegible]

Out lot, 13-5, Mrs. E. M. Bishop [illegible]

Sq. 66, 60-115 ft, G. S. Greeley [illegible]

WETMORE TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
[illegible]		247	Elizabeth D. Kane	[illegible]
[illegible]		165	do	[illegible]
[illegible]	25, 27	990	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		990	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		251	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	do	[illegible]
[illegible]		42	E. O'N. Kane	[illegible]
[illegible]		24	E. K. Kane	[illegible]
[illegible]		16	T. L. Kane	[illegible]
[illegible]		225	Penn Tanning Co.	[illegible]
[illegible]		225	G. Potts	[illegible]
[illegible]		250	James Bros.	[illegible]
[illegible]		225	E. M. Payne	[illegible]
[illegible]		225	Stone, Weston & Co.	[illegible]
[illegible]		217	R. T. Stone	[illegible]
[illegible]		101	A. J. Hazelton	[illegible]
[illegible]		251	Gillis & Weston	[illegible]
[illegible]		112½	Jno. McNair & son	[illegible]
[illegible]		50	O. B. Lay	[illegible]
[illegible]		112½	Hazelton, Weston & Co.	[illegible]
[illegible]		225	Thos. Keeler	[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]	Stone & Hazelton	[illegible]
[illegible]		100	Davis & Weston	[illegible]
[illegible]		250	Wiggans & Tretbelis	[illegible]
[illegible]		67½	Mrs. A. L. Halleck	[illegible]
[illegible]		225	Keester & Phillibar	[illegible]
[illegible]		100	Oscar Berlin	[illegible]

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner.	Tax.
	342	12½	Frank Hanson Est.	[illegible]
Section 63		65	Herbert Anderson	[illegible]

KANE BOROUGH.

RETURNED FROM SEATED.

Wt.	Lot	Size	Owner	Tax
	342	100x200 ft.	Thos. Carrig	[illegible]
[illegible]	282	100x196 ft.	Sherwood Kubleck	[illegible]
[illegible]	383	50x70 ft.	Richard Deige	[illegible]
[illegible]	383	50x173 ft.	Mrs. C. A. George	[illegible]
		50x130 ft.	Mrs. E. Cook	[illegible]

Treasurer's office, Smethport, Penna., March 1st, 1898.

T. B. CLARK,
Co. Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF KEATING TOWNSHIP FUNDS, 1898.

	Dr.	
Old bills of 1896 and judgment of Young	$ [illegible]	
Due Supervisor Herzog on settlement	[illegible]	
Due Supervisor Fritz on settlement	[illegible]	
Bills rendered by Supervisor Herzog	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
Road fund in Co. Treasurer's office	[illegible]	
Bond fund in Co. Treasurer's office	[illegible]	
Special Road fund in County Treasurer's office	[illegible]	
Special Road fund in Collector Frisbee's hands	[illegible]	
Liabilities over assets	[illegible]	[illegible]

FRANK FRITZ, Supervisor, in account with the funds of Keating township for the year 1897.

	Dr.	
To seated duplicate, road	[illegible]	
To seated taxes for 1896, road	[illegible]	
To seated taxes from Supervisor Herzog	[illegible]	
To unseated taxes from Co. Treasurer, road	[illegible]	
To unseated taxes from Co. Treasurer, special road	[illegible]	
To seated taxes from Collector Daly, special road	[illegible]	
To seated taxes from Collector Frisbee, special road	[illegible]	
To seated taxes from Collector Frisbee, bond	[illegible]	
To unseated taxes from Co. Treasurer, bond	[illegible]	
Balance due Supervisor	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
By balance due Supervisor on last settlement	[illegible]	
By balance due Supervisor old account	[illegible]	
By duplicate worked out	[illegible]	
By taxes carried to Supervisor for 1898	[illegible]	
By taxes transferred to Supervisor Herzog	[illegible]	
By exonerations	[illegible]	
By returned to Co. Commissioners, road	[illegible]	
By paid special road indebtedness	[illegible]	
By paid bond indebtedness	[illegible]	
By paid road indebtedness	[illegible]	
By com. on road fund	[illegible]	
By com. on special road fund	[illegible]	
By com. on bond fund	[illegible]	
By 204 days services at $1.50	[illegible]	
By paid for hauling road machines 1896-7	[illegible]	[illegible]

LAWRENCE HERZOG, Supervisor, in account with Keating township for 1897.

	Dr.	
To seated duplicate of 1897	[illegible]	
Rec'd of late Collector Daly	[illegible]	
Rec'd of Coll. Frisbee, bond	[illegible]	
Rec'd of Treasurer, bond	[illegible]	
Rec'd of Treasurer, special	[illegible]	
Rec'd of Coll. Frisbee, special	[illegible]	
Rec'd of Treasurer, road fund	[illegible]	
Transferred from Supervisor Fritz	[illegible]	
Amount due Supervisor to balance	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
Seated taxes returned, 1897	[illegible]	
Taxes exonerated	[illegible]	
Transferred to Fritz	[illegible]	
Return to new Supervisor	[illegible]	
Worked on seated taxes	[illegible]	
Paid on special road	[illegible]	
Paid on bond	[illegible]	
Paid on road	[illegible]	
Com. on special road $[illegible] at 2 per cent.	[illegible]	
Com. on bond $[illegible] at 2 per cent.	[illegible]	
Com. on road $[illegible] at 2 per cent.	[illegible]	
184 days services at $1 50 per day as supervisor	[illegible]	[illegible]

We, the auditors of Keating township, having examined the accounts and vouchers of Frank Fritz and Lawrence Herzog, Supervisors of said township, with the road, road bond and special road funds of said township for the year 1897, do find them as above stated.

Witness our hands and seals this [illegible] day of March, A. D. 1898.

IRA B. CHADWICK, [SEAL.]
[illegible], [SEAL.] } Auditors.
E. E. DAY [SEAL.]